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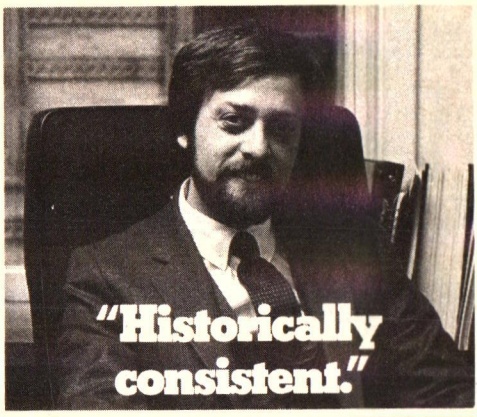
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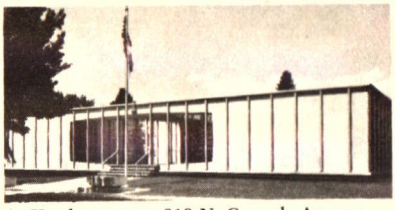
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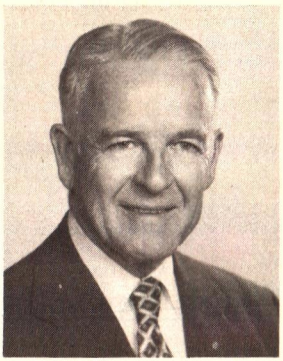
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adna g. wilde, jr.



J. Douglas Ferguson, former president of the American Numismatic Association, died December 7, 1981. He will long be remembered by his many numismatic friends throughout the United States and Canada. A Canadian citizen, his home in Stanstead, Quebec, was located only a few hundred yards north of the U.S. border at Derby Line, Vermont, and he maintained a winter home in Florida.

Doug, as he was called by his friends, gave freely to numismatics. He was elected president of the ANA in 1941. An ANA Good Fellow, he was awarded the Medal of Merit in 1947 and received the association's highest honor in 1966, the Ferran Zerbe Award. The honorary president of the Canadian Numismatic Association, he was the recipient of the prestigious Royal Canadian Mint's Numismatic Education Award.

Mr. Ferguson's greatest numismatic interest was Canadian, especially that country's paper money. His collection remains for all to see, donated to the museum of the Bank of Canada. As a personal friend, I too will miss him.

The 4th ANA Midyear Convention is about to open and promises to be an outstanding event. General Chairman William C. Henderson and his committees have worked very hard to ensure that all who attend will enjoy the occasion to the fullest. For the high country skiing adventure at Keystone, Colorado, the weatherman is also working to provide the best of ski conditions. I skied there the first week in December, and found a 32-inch snow base with very good skiing. During Christmas week alone, 15 inches of new snow powder fell on the slopes, resulting in excellent conditions. I look forward to greeting those who will come to our Rockies just prior to the convention at the Broadmoor Hotel.

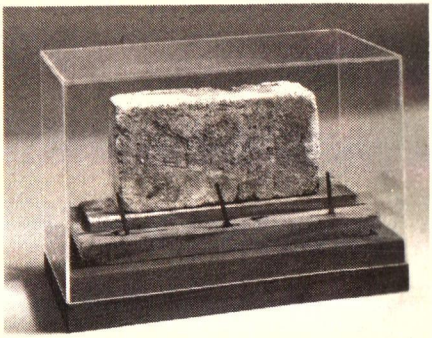
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Mint Joins Public's Susan B./Quarter Mix-Up

I don't think changing the reverse design on the Susan B. Anthony dollar will ever help out, for I was going over my 1979 Uncirculated sets and there were three sets with two quarters and no Susan B. Anthony dollars. If the Mint can't tell them apart, how can the rest of us in this old world?

John S. Lair, ANA 87449

Reader Advocates 75¢ Coin

I recently wrote two letters, one to the President and the other to a local Congressman advocating the production or minting of a 75 cent piece. It seems to me that a 75 cent piece would be advantageous for making change faster and easier. The minting of a 75 cent piece would be good for coin collectors.

The Government might save a little money because it would not have to produce as many nickels, dimes, quarters and half dollars. I recommend that President Theodore Roosevelt or Francis Scott Key should be on the head side of the coin. For the tail side I recommend the Liberty Bell or Statue of Liberty.

Lawrence D. Murdock

Anthony Dollar's Value Explained

The Susan B. Anthony mini-dollar may have flopped in the United States as a circulating medium, but during the course of a recent and extensive overseas trip I've noted that collectors from many parts of the world are interested in this coin. Any time the United States turns out a new issue numismatists on the international scene pay serious attention.

The same phenomenon holds true for the Kennedy half dollar. The coin has never circulated much within the U.S.A., and for all intents and purposes it is a collector's item. Demand for the coin in Europe and in other parts of the world remains strong. Not only do collectors want it, but also those legions of persons who are admirers of John F. Kennedy.

One more word about the Anthony dollar. The U.S. Treasury actually made a substantial profit from striking the coin. Some 850 million pieces were turned out, and about 300 million are outstanding. They don't circulate much, but are held primarily by collectors and speculators. Since the SBA took only about 3¢ per coin to manufacture, we can easily determine that the Treasury came way out ahead even though 500 million pieces are stacked up in U.S. Mint and Federal Reserve Bank warehouses.

Louis DiLauro, ANA 98540

Lithuanian Listing Questioned

Recent issues of *The Numismatist* have included advertisements for a popular reference catalog of world coins. As a founder of the Lithuanian Numismatic Association and editor of its publication, *The Knight*, I would like to protest the recently adopted cataloging policies of this standard catalog.

The 1982 edition removed the listings for the free Republic of Lithuania from the "L" section, where it had formerly been included, and placed it under the U.S.S.R. listings. Lithuanian coins were minted by an independent Lithuania, with Lithuanian symbols and in accord with the Lithuanian coinage standards. No Lithuanian coins have ever been minted using the U.S.S.R. designation.

By categorizing Lithuania under the U.S.S.R. heading, the catalog has breached international sovereignty recognized by the U.S. Government. The United States and other western countries do not recognize the forced and illegal incorporation of the free Republic of Lithuania into the U.S.S.R. Even the U.S. State Department must color its maps of the Baltic countries different from those of the Soviet Union.

We encourage the collecting public,

and especially the numismatic dealers who handle Lithuanian coins, to ignore the new cataloging practices of this catalog as they effect the classification of Lithuania.

A numismatic reference is a collector's book, not a geo-political treatise. It should try to meet the needs of the collecting community, not the political arena of the United Nations. We hope the publishers of this catalog will recognize the error of including Lithuania, as well as Estonia and Latvia, under the U.S.S.R. listing and will make the proper corrections in future editions.

Frank Passic, ANA 90821

Corrections Pointed Out for December Article

What ever happened to accuracy, both in information and spelling? In the December 1981 issue of *The Numismatist* on pages 3304 and 3305 a reference is made to a French coin design in Figure 45. The article erroneously refers to this design being on the 5 centime [sic] coin. The design is called *"Le Semeuse"* ("The Sower") and first appeared on the 50 centimes coin in 1897 followed in 1898 by the 1 and 2 francs coins.

Donald J. Marka, ANA 102308

On page 3302 of the December 1981 issue of *The Numismatist*, Figure 39 shows a 1681 25-ducat gold piece of Transylvania erroneously attributed to "Michael Apàti" and his rule, also stated on page 300 in the note commenting on Figure 39. Now, this coin was issued by Michael Apàfi, as clearly spelled out in the legend. Apàfi was the prince of Transylvania in 1681. While Apàti is a bona fide Hungarian name, implying someone with an ancestry from Apàt, a small town now called Apàtin in Yugoslavia near the Danube and the Hungarian border, there was never a prince of Transylvania of that name, nor anyone historically notable in Transylvania, to my knowledge. Incidentally, Apàfi means "father's son." Also the land that is generally considered Transylvania was in 1681 and had been for more than a century a completely independent principality, mostly hostile to Hungary. Also on page 47 the 1935 Austrian 100 shilling was referred to as an Austrian 100 marks. Austria never had a "mark" currency, except during the 1938-1945 Nazi occupation.

I. Molnar, LM 166

You may wish to advise readers that the ancient Greek settlement of Panticapaeum is not in Thrace, as stated in the article "Coins: Mirrors of Art and History," *The Numismatist*, December 1981, but actually in the Cimmerian Bosporus at the eastern end of the Crimean peninsula where Kerch is located at present.

Furthermore, on page 3292, Figure 18, the coin should be referred to as a "solidus," and not as "solidi." The same kind of error is on page 3299, Figure 34, where the plural "testoni" is used instead of the singular "testone."

In regard to Frederick II Hohenstein, page 3297, I have been familiar with this gentleman for many years, and never have I seen him referred to as a member of any "Hohenstein" family but only as "Hohenstaufen."

Last but not least, on page 3287, it is quite misleading for many readers to see the caption in Figure 7 as "Poseidon (Zeus)," when what is really meant is "Poseidon (or Zeus?)." The same is true when the Parthenon statue is described as "Dionysus (Heracles)," a usage which could easily lead some to think that Heracles is another name for Dionysus.

Julius S. Gassner, ANA 89125

Editor's Note: In the mechanical preparation of Cora Lee Gilliland's article, "Coins, Mirrors of Art and History," captions for the sculpture in Figures 2 and 6 were transposed, as were captions for the art and architecture in Figures 28 and 29. We apologize to the author and our readers for these and any other errors for which the editorial staff is responsible.

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■ First of all, I would like to thank the readers of *The Numismatist* for their support of my coinage proposal. It looks like momentum is being gained. I would suggest to them that they could now be instrumental in restructuring our coinage system by writing to their Congressmen and making their views known.

Already Ed Reiter's article on the proposal, which appeared in the November 29, 1981 *New York Times*, has drawn a response of over thirty letters from people (non-numismatists) from eight different states, all of whom wholeheartedly support the proposal. I have responded to these people by sending them a copy of the full proposal from *The Numismatist* (October 1981) and urging them to write to their Congressmen and enclose a copy of the proposal.

I recently participated in an over-the-phone, on-the-air interview with CBS radio in New York, which was conducting a news forum with Congressman Deanrich, narrated by Tom Braden. Mr. Braden stated that the proposal was being considered by Consumer Affairs and Coinage and was being studied by the U.S. Mint, although I have no first-hand knowledge of this.

I am frankly surprised that the number of people who have responded to the proposal from outside the numismatic community seems to outweigh those from within it. This leads me to believe that the vast majority of numismatists, especially dealers, don't really care about this country's current or future coinage, but care only about their profits and deals. Considering that *The Numismatist* is received by 40,000 people who supposedly are interested in coinage, and from that number only 30 or so have responded, I can only conclude that either the proposal lacks merit or that all of those "numismatists" don't really care.

I believe that the proposal can be made a reality if only all the people who believe in its validity would make the effort to respond and make their voices known to Congress. If we do not set the course of U.S. coinage, then who will? The Congressmen? The Secretary of the Treasury? The Director of the Mint? The Congressmen obviously have more important things to consider, the Secretary of the Treasury is more concerned with economics and the value of the dollar, and by Donna Pope's statements, her main concern is to maintain the incredible production of coinage pouring out of the Mint, three-quarters of which is useless pennies that pour down an endless hole! We must stop this madness of producing 10 *billion* pennies each year, at a cost to taxpayers of $150,000,000 each year. For our system to demand exact change to this infinitesimal amount is costing us a fortune. If the Mint ceased to make pennies, rounding off sales totals to the nearest 5¢ would be perfectly acceptable to most people, and those who wanted more exact change could bring out their stash of old pennies and use them. It is estimated that at least 100 billion pennies lie dormant in jars and cans throughout America.

The other disgraceful aspect of our coinage that should be changed is the phoneyness of the metals used. Cladding copper with nickel to simulate silver is downright deception. Cladding zinc with copper is just another step toward the total lack of integrity of our coinage. One of the reasons why gold,

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silver, and copper were selected for coin materials throughout history is that each of these metals maintains its beauty as it ages. Aluminum, zinc, nickel, and most every other metal deteriorates and becomes ugly with age.

As an architect, I see definite parallels in the building industry: wood-grained plastic laminate, plastic brick veneer, aluminum siding pretending to be wood, vinyl tile simulating brick and wood, and plastic representations of virtually every natural material. These substitutes don't really fool anyone, but they contribute to the general feeling today that nothing is real, everything is phoney. Is this the direction of America? It seems to be, and the U.S. Mint is compounding the problem.

Let's face it, design-wise our coinage is mediocre compared to the other countries of the world. Here we are, supposedly the premier and most progressive country in the world. What of us most reaches people of the world? Our coins! What are our coins? Mediocre in design and made of phoney materials! What does that say about us? Is that what we want? I don't. I would like to see integrity, liberty, and value reinstated in our coinage. I cannot do this alone and I need the efforts of many like-minded people to pressure the "powers that be" toward a sounder and more meaningful reality for our coinage. We *can* make it happen; all it takes is all like-minded people to make the effort to write their Congressmen and either promote the proposal or express their own views.

Kirk Hillman

■ Brother Kirk Hillman deserves the thanks of everyone for his thoughtful article. It shows a lot of study and work. I have put aside the idea of such an approach for sometime now. Each time I want to revise it, I look at inflation and decide that it would be a futile undertaking until the government stops inflation. I particularly like Hillman's preference for specie coinage. This is the essence of Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution, which the Federal Government is permitted to violate daily. The second thing I like about Hillman's work is the attractive coins. I have a collection of almost all national coin sets minted. The U.S. coins are the most unattractive of the lot. I'm with Hillman. However, I really believe it's tilting at windmills until the government stops inflation.

Hoyt S. Haddock, LM 646

■ In response to Mr. Hillman's article in the October 1981 issue of *The Numismatist* . . . I agree that the U.S. is long overdue for a complete overhaul in its coinage. But silver and gold have market values that are simply too unstable to base a nation's monetary system on.

The conversion of all denominations under 50¢ to copper or bronze is an interesting idea, and with the rising value of copper it may be the best metal for them.

In place of silver I would suggest using a cupronickel blend to replace the sandwich version now in use. This would wear better than silver and strikes well. In place of gold I would recommend the use of virenium, a gold-tinted metal developed for the Isle of Man several years ago. While these metals lack the intrinsic value of gold and silver, neither is likely to end up in a melting pot.

Also we might try something that has worked for nations all over the world—different shapes. One of the main problems with the Susan B. Anthony dollar was its resemblance to the quarter. Coin-operated machines do not have to be disturbed. England developed a seven-sided coin that, when measured, is also round. The primary reason for its development was to accomodate its use in existing vending machines.

One final point concerning the dropping of the one-cent and fifty-cent coins. I think that they still have a place in our economy. But I am not so sure about the need for the higher denominations proposed by Mr. Hillman. I don't think that coins with denominations over $100 would see circulation outside of banks.

Robert E. Poulin, ANA 65058

■ I have read the letters and considered the new coinage proposals of Mr. Hillman, Mr. Watt, Mr. Hanks et al. and agree that revision of our present system is needed.

I do not reject the proposal of restoring silver and gold into the coinage; in fact I believe that is the only road to a sound money system and restoration of some stability to our economy. I do not believe that a low silver content is going to lead to hoarding, but it would give validity to our coinage. Gold commemorative coins of perhaps $100.00 denomination would be worthwhile. I think the public will continue to use paper money and checks for purchases in large amounts. The dollar bill might be eliminated if a practical dollar coin was available. Also I believe that the dollar coin should have silver content.

Several proponents of the cent use the argument that we should retain it because the quantity minted indicates it is needed. This argument is spurious. Merchants have adopted the policy of pricing almost everything in terms of nine (9) to make the price look smaller. Instead of a dollar, we find 99¢; instead of $5.00 we find $4.99; instead of 75¢ we find 79¢. Each such sale requires four cents in change. This is ridiculous. It would be easier and better to round the prices off to an even number, and no cents at all would be needed. This would eliminate the biggest production problem of the mint, and reduce weight of pocket coins for every buyer. As several have written, what can you buy for a cent nowadays?

The 50-cent piece has never been popular with the public. Even now if you get change in a store you will invariably receive two quarters rather than a 50-cent piece. We might retain the 50-cent piece with some silver content as a commemorative coin issued in limited quantity. If anyone wants to spend it, let him do so, the stores are not going to make a place for it in their tills.

This leaves us with the nickel, dime, quarter and dollar. As to size I think the dollar should be larger than the Anthony coin, perhaps a size between its present diameter and that of the present 50-cent coin. With paper money starting at $2.00 and then progressing as it does now, there should be no trouble in handling regular business needs.

Stanley E. Saxton, ANA 54918

■ I believe that the U.S. coinage system should be changed. I, like many numismatists, enjoy seeing the change in U.S. coins over the years. I have a few comments to suggest and also a few questions to ask.

I want the penny to be retained. As long as we have a government or governing body, we all have to pay sales tax. If the penny is deleted, how would one go about paying the odd amounts such as .06, .07, .08, .09, .11, .12, .13, .14, etc.?

With the rise in crime, how can gold coins of various denominations be protected? What assurance has the public got to protect itself from thieves? I want

to suggest that all gold coins minted be combined with other metals so as to lower the ratio of pure gold to other metals in each denomination. A few years ago, the half dollars began to "disappear" from circulation. When the Kennedy half dollars were minted and circulated, soon after they began to "disappear." I am afraid the gold coins will not circulate for very long either. Let it be known to the public that the gold coins are alloys and *not pure gold*.

The metal composition from pure silver to copper-silver alloy as seen in the quarter dollar has varied over the years also. With the rate of inflation rising, the government will have to cut back on silver more and more and use other metals more and more. Eventually, there will come a time when other metals will replace silver. This is alright as long as the cheaper metals do not distort the coin weights unless the weights change also.

The design should change as long as the eagle and Liberty (represented by a lady) remain on the large denomination coins of quarter dollar and above, or on the small denomination coins of dime and below. Other designs can be interspersed at will. I want to propose the following phrases "In God We Trust" and the "United States of America" should not be deleted. These phrases are the "identifying marks" of the United States of America. They should be stamped on all coins regardless of size and design. The years and mint marks should also be stamped on all coins. The denominations of each coin should be stamped on all coins. This is to identify the amount of the coins in relation to each other, since they will be distributed to the public for general use. The phrase "E Pluribus Unum" may be optional on all coins.

In conclusion, I want to suggest that changes in the U.S. coinage system be made. If gold coins are to circulate, there should be some kind of government regulation to insure its "safe" circulation. Pure gold coins can be minted for numismatists and collectors, but would have to be an alloy for general circulation. I "hope" or am "hoping" that there is a "general agreement" or an "honor code" of some kind among numismatists, collectors, and the general public alike.

Leroy Tsutsumi, ANA 102983

■Regarding the article "A New U.S. Coinage System" published in the October 1981 issue of *The Numismatist*, I agree with Mr. Kirk Hillman that our present coinage system should be scrapped, and I agree with just about everything this member contributed to the article. I also agree that there are tons of Anthony and half dollars lying around in banks that the public just will not use, and I particularly approve of the metals he proposes to use. We should have some high content silver and gold coins instead of having our U.S. gold stacked up in Fort Knox.

Edmond J. Bowman, ANA 12160

■I have been most interested in the proposal by Mr. Kirk Hillman and in the replies to his article. The continuing letters are providing some of the best reading in the magazine. Herewith are some comments, partly in agreement and some in an opposite stand.

Mr. Hillman's suggestions on the need for revamping our coinage seem very timely, and his article shows a great deal of careful thought. Many will support his idea that changes in the coinage are overdue.

For my part, I would like to see the Treasury insulated from the vending machine lobby. There is no valid reason why the coiners should toady to the parasitic vending machine interests. We all know the disaster they caused by forcing the SBA dollar coin, after its rejection by the coinage committee. Even if the Mint plates them with gold, they will be unacceptable by the public.

COIN	DESIGN	25-year change possible	Years unchanged to date
Cent	1909	1934	72 years-obverse 50 years-reverse
Nickel	1938	1963	43
Dime	1945	1970	36
Quarter	1932	1957	49

Next, we need to recall that the Congress allowed the Mint to change the designs of the coins, without legislation, not more often than every twenty five years. When it was proposed to change the Washington quarter in 1957, it was emphatically resisted by the Treasury. The Treasury has steadily resisted all changes in coin design for several decades. As a result, three generations of Americans have grown up seeing only Lincoln cents and two generations have never used any other type of nickel, dime and quarter. A half-hearted concession came in 1976 in the issue of the Bicentennial coins. The Mint lost a good opportunity to change when silver was abandoned in 1965. In the table above, note the long tenure of coin design.

Most of us would welcome a change from the use of Presidents in coin design. In 1909 it was hailed as a new era after a century of stylized liberty heads. Washington and Lincoln were acceptable, but the later arrivals were mediocre. Let us have Liberty heads or figures or bells, Indians, buffaloes, moose, flags, eagles, anchors, ships, buildings, arms, shields, pyramids or whatever.

Up to 1979, the Mint, except for the war-time nickel, never used a mint mark for Philadelphia. Now they are marking all P-Mint coins. If this is to be their policy, why not mark all places where the coins are made? Cents have been coined at West Point for some years. The Mint policy seems inconsistent.

One more thought before we get to size and weight. We should return to the old established rule for legal tender before 1933. Minor coins should be legal tender up to 25 cents, and the clad coins, once the subsidiary silver, should be, with the new dollar, legal tender for sums up to ten dollars.

Mr. Hillman is correct in saying that the cent has largely lost its place due to inflation. However, rather than eliminating it, let it be a less needed piece. The demand could be greatly reduced if we took steps through legislation to cut down its usage. Let all pension checks, tax bills, etc. be rounded out to the nearest nickel. Adjust postal rates away from odd cents. Thus post cards would be 15-20-30 instead of the present 13-19-28. Make the extra ounce on letters 15 not 17. Set parcel rates at even nickels. Encourage states and cities to make sales taxes 5¢ rather than 4 or 6. Let the cent be a coin for the grocery store.

The Treasury has often complained about the hoarding of cents. They abandoned mint marks in 1965-67 in a futile effort to stop hoarding. The British did this in 1943-44 to ensure the use of new pennies. Bright finished coins are more likely to be held.

Mr. Hillman is quite correct to point out the inconsistency of having a white metal coin (5¢) larger than another white metal coin (10¢) worth twice as much. I suggest making the 5¢ coin in aluminum-bronze, a yellowish color, and thus reserve the white color for the higher denominations. France and Spain have used a brassy appearing coin of aluminum-bronze successfully for years.

Now that the subsidiary coins have no intrinsic value, there is no valid reason to hold the weights unchanged. Adjust them downwards to make way

PROPOSAL

	PRESENT SIZE	PROPOSED SIZE	METAL	PRESENT WEIGHT	PROPOSED WEIGHT
Cent	19 mm	19 mm	Coppery	3.11 grams	2.75 grams
Nickel	21.2 mm	21 mm	Alum.-Bronze	5.00 grams	4.50 grams
Dime	17.9 mm	17.8 mm	Clad	2.27 grams	2.00 grams
Quarter	24.3 mm	24.2 mm	Clad	5.67 grams	5.00 grams
Half	30.6 mm	28.5 mm	Clad	11.34 grams	10.00 grams
Dollar	38.1 mm	35 mm	Clad	22.68 grams	15.00 grams

for a dollar that looks like a dollar, and yet is not a cart-wheel. When the British changed to decimal coins the bronze was reduced in weight but not the cupro-nickel 5 pence (shilling) and 10 pence (florin), even though they had no metal value. A 25-pence crown would have been more acceptable than the 50-pence slug, an over-valued piece which would not circulate if the ten-shilling notes had not been withdrawn.

I suggest the weights above for the new coinage.

These changes would not panic the vending machine lobby, and would give us a dollar coin that would have a chance to be used. A lighter dollar would circulate IF it looked like a dollar. The Eisenhower clunkers were as big as the old cartwheels, although a bit lighter.

The proposal for coins of gold or silver is very appealing, but has no chance of fruition in the present world economies. Coins of even ten percent silver would be hoarded. As long as the dollar continues to slide and the Congress mortgages the security of future Americans, there is no likelihood of coins with intrinsic value. Gold coins, such as are being issued in some countries, are merely convenient bullion for hoarding. Let us hope that Mr. Hillman has started something that will bring us some needed changes.

Robert H. Lloyd, ANA 3024

■ As a new member of the ANA I was extremely pleased with my first issue of *The Numismatist* (December 1981). I wish I had joined years ago.

The ideas presented for change in the U.S. coinage system were quite enlightening. They went from ridiculous to excellent.

Just how many collectors, let alone the average working person, could afford a $1000 coin or even a $500 coin? As one reader mentioned, there is no real need for a denomination larger than a one-dollar coin. I often wonder if we need anything larger than a quarter.

The thoughts presented by Sol Taylor seemed more realistic. I liked all he had to say except for the five- and ten-dollar coins, which I feel would not circulate.

Ang Fratarcangelo, ANA 116038

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letters were received by Mr. Hillman in response to an article about his proposal which appeared November 29, 1981, in the *New York Times*.

■ I'm not the type of person that normally responds to the media. In this case I am making an exception. The article in the *New York Times* this Sunday about your new coin system is definitely an idea I agree with.

The coin system in this country is long overdue for a change, and I must insist that we get on with it. The Susan B. Anthony dollar was a fine move in the right direction, but the stupidity of the general public is restricting its use.

Your new system is a sound one, and I wanted to write to you and give you my support. Our coinage is obsolete because of inflation and should be changed. I am also a collector of coins,

and the change would be nice in that respect also.

Paul Elmowsky
Nyack, New York

■ Read an article in today's *New York Times* about your U.S. coinage change. From what I read, I agree with it completely, especially getting rid of the useless penny. We got rid of the half penny a long time ago—now it's the penny's turn. Also, I like keeping the old "girls" from the old quarter, etc., and sizing by value makes sense also.

William Finnigan
Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York

■ I was overjoyed to see your push for new coinage in yesterday's *Times*. Just what I dream of, although it is so good that the Government won't approve it probably. I am no numismatist, but my friend Cornelius Vermeule at the Fine Arts Museum here definitely is, and shares your views I am sure.

W.W. Howells
Professor of Anthropology Emeritus
Peabody Museum
Cambridge, Massachusetts

■ In regard to the *New York Times* article of 29 November, I agree with you wholeheartedly that our coins should have an intrinsic value at least approximately equal to their face value. In that way, people would have more confidence in their money and inflation would be restrained.

The design of United States coins does not concern me so much. The present designs are attractive, but I think it would be a good idea to use the old designs on the new denominations that you suggest.

Julius Jacobs
Hamden, Connecticut

■ I enjoyed your article in last Sunday's *New York Times*. Your fresh approach to the out-dated U.S. coinage system should, in my opinion, receive more than lip service from Washington.

Have you ever considered a scheme to enforce circulation of both the two-dollar bill and the Susan B. Anthony coin? Simply withdraw the paper one-dollar bill.

Charles W. Whipple
Oakville, Ontario, Canada

■ I read of your proposed new coinage system in the numismatics column of the *New York Times*, November 29, 1981, and I wanted you to know that I think it is an excellent idea. Aside from the technical-financial aspect, I am attracted to the notion of restoring the best designs of the past to our coins. There is a psychological asset here which other governments have been aware of. Under de Gaulle, for example, France restored weight and beauty to its coins. Frenchmen began to have more faith in the solidity of their currency and pride in their country.

I wish you the best of luck in your effort.

William A. Hoisington, Jr.
Associate Professor of History
University of Illinois
Chicago, Illinois

LET US KNOW YOUR FEELINGS

Perhaps these letters have stimulated your own thoughts on the possibility of needed change in the U.S. coinage system. What do you feel would strengthen our ailing coinage system? If a new system were enacted, what changed would you recommend as a numismatist or as a citizen? Do you feel we could do anything to make these changes? Please jot down your feelings about this proposal and the role numismatists should play in effecting U.S. coinage policy and mail them to U.S. Coinage Proposal, The Numismatist, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. The thoughts of your non-numismatic friends are also most welcome.

NUMISMATIC NARRATIVES

Calendar Depicts Women on Coins

"Women on Coins," the 1982 coin calendar published by Krause Publications, Inc. of Iola, Wisconsin, is now available. The 11 by 17-inch calendar features a strong comb binding and date blocks for each month that note important numismatic and historical happenings.

Large, detailed photos of the featured coins, along with an informative description of the woman or allegorical symbol represented, accompany each month. For example, the July calendar page features an illustration of the Roanoke Commemorative half dollar honoring Virginia Dare, the first child born of English parents in the new world.

The 1982 coin calendar is available from Krause Publications, Inc., 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990.

Texas A&M to Host Adelphi Course

Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, will host Adelphi University's Institute of Numismatic and Philatelic Studies on its campus for a three-day seminar in Rare Coin Grading and Authenticating from Sunday, March 14 through Tuesday, March 16.

Conducted by F. Michael Fazzari of the International Numismatic Society Authentication Bureau in Washington, D.C., the three-day seminar develops invaluable skills in grading and authenticating rare coins with use of the stereo-microscope. Participants are familiarized with the characteristics that distinguish genuine and counterfeit coins. A major portion of the course covers coin grading with special emphasis on the borderlines between Almost Uncirculated and Uncirculated grades.

Persons wishing to participate in this seminar should contact Gloria Greene, Director, Institute of Numismatic and Philatelic Studies, Adelphi University, Garden City, New York 11530 or telephone the office of Dr. James F. Bender, Dean of Development, at 516-294-8700, extension 7660.

Grants and Fellowship Offered

The American Numismatic Society will offer ten grants-in-aid for study at the thirtieth seminar in numismatics to be held at its museum from June 8 through August 7, 1982. The purpose of the grants is to provide students with a deeper understanding of the contributions made by numismatists to other fields of study.

The seminar involves an intensive program of study which will include lectures and conferences conducted by specialists in various fields, preparation and oral delivery of a paper on a topic of the student's choice, and actual contact with the coinages related to that topic. Formal and informal sessions will deal with such topics as coin hoards and excavation coins; dated coins and their historical significance; coins as bearers of ideas and political documents; and coins and the art historian. Curators of the American Numismatic Society and instructors from the United States and abroad will participate in the seminar.

Grants will be available to competent students who will have completed at least one year of graduate work in classical studies, archaeology, history, art history, economic history or other related disciplines. Applications will also be accepted from junior faculty members with a degree in one of these fields. Each grant will carry a stipend of $900. This offer is restricted to individuals affiliated with colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

The ANS also will award a fellowship of $3500 to a university graduate student in the fields of the humanities or social sciences. To qualify the applicant must: 1) have completed the general examinations (or the equivalent) for the doctorate; 2) be writing a dissertation during the academic year 1982-1983 on a topic in which the use of numismatic evidence plays a significant part; and 3) have attended one of the Society's graduate seminars prior to the time of application.

The deadline for applications is March 2, 1982. Interested individuals should write directly to the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 155th Street, New York, NY 10032.

REAL GEMS

English Merchant Tokens Outstrip Estimates

Session I of the two-session offering of the ancient and modern coins sale held at Sotheby's 84th

Street Galleries on December 8, comprised of English merchant tokens from the collection of John R. Farnell, Sr., saw consistently strong prices, including a new high price for an English merchant token.

The top lot and new high price for an English merchant token was captured by a 1794 Lancaster halfpenny, which sold to a private collector for $1,800, more than four times its high estimate of $400. Other extraordinary prices in Session I were $1,400 for a West Cowes halfpenny, and $1,300 for a lot of Spence tokens.

1892-S Dollar Brings Record Price

An 1892-S dollar brought a record $31,900 at the ANA Building Fund Sale, conducted December 13-14 in Dallas by Steve Ivy Numismatic Auctions, Inc. The previous record for an 1892-S dollar was $31,000, set at a July 1979 sale.

Another coin at the sale that generated considerable excitement among bidders was an example of the extremely rare 1854-0 Double Eagle that brought an impressive $44,000 winning bid.

The highlight of the half cents was an EF example of the first year of issue, 1793, that realized $5,225. Among the small cents, an 1856 Flying Eagle brought $2,475, and an 1876 Indian in Gem Proof and a 1909-S VDB Lincoln sold for $907 and $1,100, respectively.

An exceptional group of Mint State Liberty Seated half dimes attracted much bidder interest, with many pieces selling well over $1,000. Among them were an 1838 that sold for $2,035, an 1853 with Arrows that brought $1,160, two 1858 examples that realized $1,150 and $1,160, and a beautifully toned 1859 that sold for $3,025.

Highlights of the Buffalo nickels included a 1914 in Proof that brought $1,650, and one of the finest known 1937-D three-legged examples, which brought $3,520.

Liberty Seated dimes featured an 1858 in Proof 60 that realized $1,567, and a Gem Mint State example of the very scarce 1867 that sold for $2,750. Two noteworthy Mercury dimes, a 1916-D and a superb 1942/1-D brought $7,370 and $9,900, respectively. The star of the twenty-cent pieces was an 1875 in Proof that brought the hammer down at $6,050.

Dollars of all designs brought exceptional prices. A 1795 Flowing Hair in AU brought $11,110, double its 1979 sale price, and a Gem Proof 1873 Seated Dollar realized $7,150. Among the Morgan Dollars, an 1889-CC example in Proof-like realized $13,750. A superb 1894-S brought $2,970 and an 1897-0 in Proof-like was bought for $9,020.

Book Auction Indicates Interest

A world record price for a nearly complete set of *The Numismatist* was the highlight of the first mail bid sale conducted by California numismatic literature dealer Cal Wilson. The beautiful, uniformly bound set, lacking only the 1902 volume from 1894 through 1980, brought $3,500. "To the best of my knowledge, that is the highest price ever paid for a set at auction or unreserved mail bid," Wilson stated. "I have heard of a complete set from 1894 through about 1978 that sold in a private transaction for approximately $3,600, but the highest price I am aware of at unreserved public sale is the $3,100 realized at George Frederick Kolbe's sale last June."

Other significant books, periodicals and auction catalogs that sold in Wilson's sale included a complete set of the American Numismatic Society's *Numismatic Literature*, Numbers 1 through 105, that brought $225; a deluxe presentation copy of M.L. Beistle's *A Register of Half Dollar Die Varieties and Sub-Varieties*, one of only 135 printed, which sold for $500; and a complete set of *Calcoin News*, the official publication of the California State Numismatic Association, which brought $330.

A very fine copy of *Heath's Greatly Improved and Enlarged Infallible Government Counterfeit Detector at Sight* brought $267.50; J.R. Snowden's 1861 work on *The Medallic Memorials of Washington in the Mint of the United States* sold for $90; and a fine copy of D.W. Valentine's *The United States Half Dimes* also sold for the same figure.

Complementing the set of *The Numismatist* were single year volumes which sold as follows: 1894 for $160; 1895 for $140; 1903 and 1904, bound as one, for $150; 1907 and 1908, bound as one, for $150; and 1910 for $80.

Early United States auction catalogs, presently undergoing an adjustment period following several years of heightened collector interest, still managed to do rather well, with a very fine copy of S.H. and H. Chapman's sale of the John Mills Collection containing 14 photographic plates selling for $2,150; and a plated copy of the fabled

Beckwith Collection bringing a winning bid of $2,225.

Collectors wishing to obtain sale catalogs may request one of Cal Wilson, 37445 Southwood Dr., Fremont, CA 94536.

LITERATURE

Roman Coin Reference Reprinted

Stewart J. Westdal, author of *A Guidebook for the Identification of Roman Coin Inscriptions*, has announced that Sanford J. Durst will produce and distribute a new edition of the work.

A short time ago, Mr. Westdal announced the forthcoming reprinting of the third edition of his book, but negotiations for the production of a new edition began almost immediately, so only a few copies of the third edition were reprinted.

The fourth edition of this work will contain 120 pages of inscriptional material recorded since earlier editions, as well as an expanded bibliographic section.

Inquiries should be directed either to the author at P.O. Box 80042, San Diego, CA 92138 or Sanford J. Durst, 170 East 61st Street, New York, NY 10021.

Chart Illustrates Value Trends

Coin Charts, a Lanham, Maryland, firm has announced publication of the second edition of *Coin Chart #2*, which shows the value trends of 254 rare U.S. coins from 1957 to 1982.

The 23 by 35-inch chart lists coin prices extracted from *A Guide Book of United States Coins* (Red Book) and shows annual percents of change in price for the five-year period from 1977 through 1982. Annual compound growth rates and an index number representing the total percent of change in price are listed for each five-year interval and for the entire 25-year period. The data are summarized in several fashions: the first by a simple average of the four trend indicators, the second by the value trends of the entire rare coin collection, and the third by categorization of the coins by copper/nickel, silver and gold.

The chart is accompanied by a description that includes an introduction, an explanation of the chart, definitions of numismatic terms used in the chart, a brief discussion of the past performance of rare U.S. coins, and the author's comments on investment in U.S. coins versus more conventional forms of investment.

Ordering information for the chart can be requested of Coin Charts, P.O. Box 715, Lanham, Maryland 20706.

Ulex Auction Catalog Published

Numismatics International has announced the publication of a hardbound edition of the 1908 George Ulex auction catalog. The 173-page catalog features 4100 lots, which represent 10,000 coins and reference books, and six plates illustrating 100 coins and medals.

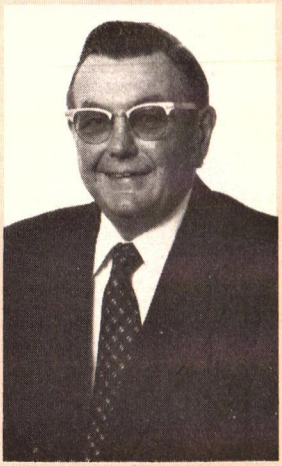
Ulex's collection was rich in exonumia and coins of the western hemisphere, and included coins such as the Greenland piastre and the Canadian 1670 15 sol of Louis XIV. Ulex devoted almost four decades to assembling one of the most comprehensive collections ever formed, and his library was unparalleled for its time.

Further information about the catalog can be requested from Numismatics International, P.O. Box 30013, Dallas, TX 75230.

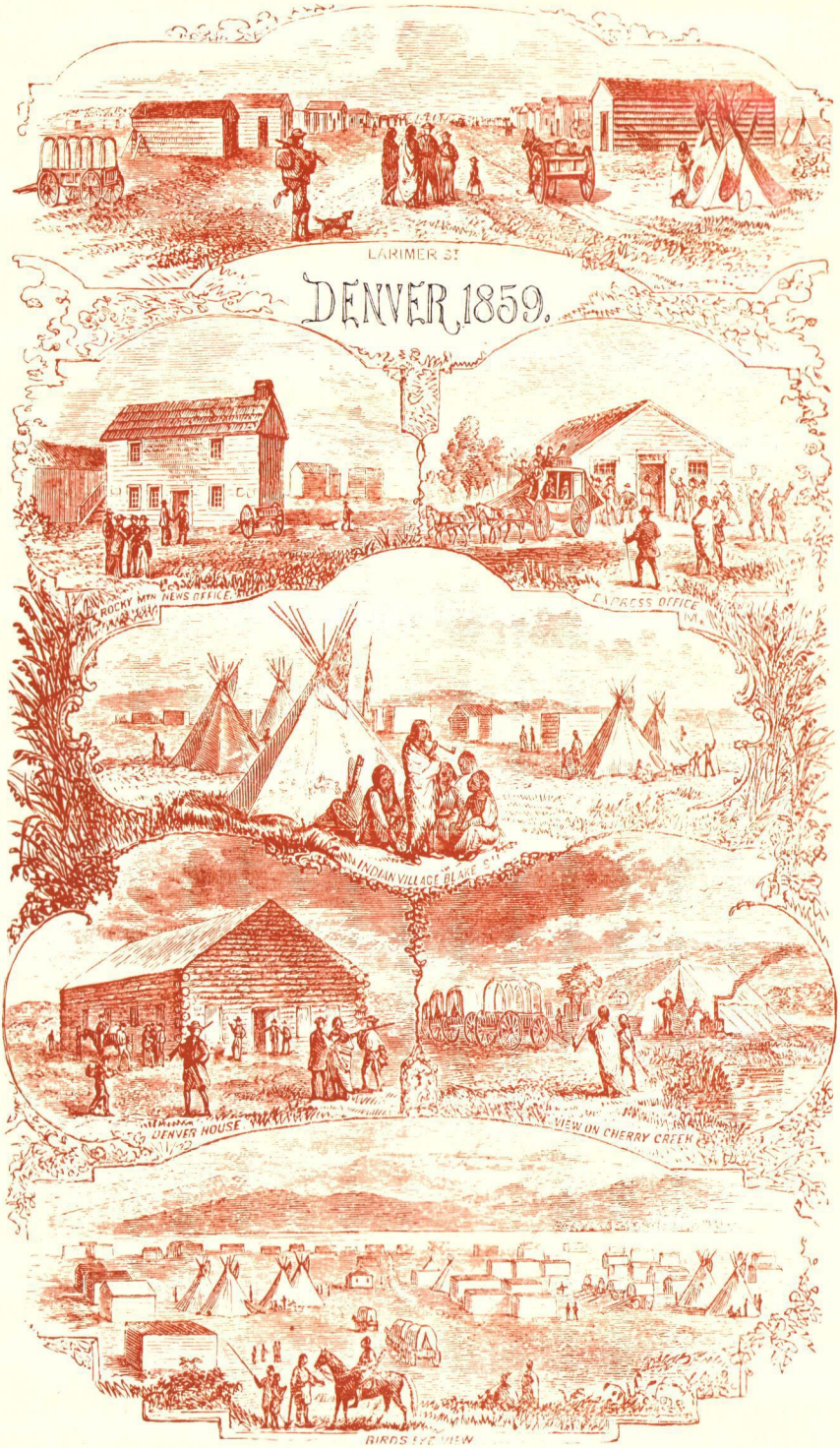
PEOPLE

Steinmetz Opens Brokerage Office

Steinmetz Investments, a division of Steinmetz Coins & Currency, Inc., has announced the opening of a rare coin investment brokerage office in the Hagley Building of Concord Plaza, Wilmington, Delaware.



Edwin H. Dafter, Jr., of Foulk Woods, Wilmington, has been named manager of the new Concord Plaza offices. Dafter, a graduate of Lehigh and Georgetown Universities, practiced law in New York City prior to joining Hercules Incorporated, of Wilmington as a patent lawyer in 1954. He retired from Hercules in October of 1981 as Assistant General Counsel/Patents. He is a member of the American Numismatic Association (ANA), and has been an avid coin collector since 1968.



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THE JEFFERSON TERRITORY

A Unique Auditor's Warrant Unveils An Amazing Period in Colorado History

by John J. Ford

AS WITH THE SULTAN possessing a large harem, my obsolete paper money collection contains many favorites. One of these in my U.S. western holdings, while technically not a note, may have seen some very limited use as a circulating medium. Its strongest appeal, ever since I first saw it more than twenty years ago in the stock of the late and great Western Americana specialist Charles Eberstadt, is that this particular piece of fiscal paper was issued by the auditor of the short-lived and little known Territory of Jefferson. Actually an Auditor's Warrant for $25 payable by the territorial treasurer, it was issued on December 19, 1859, at Denver City, Jefferson Territory. A great conversation piece, this item has long inspired numerous questions, almost all of which are concerned with the origins of Jefferson Territory, its location, and how long it prospered.

Group Mining Company. 188 pp., 8vo, printed wrappers. Chicago, 1880. 15.00

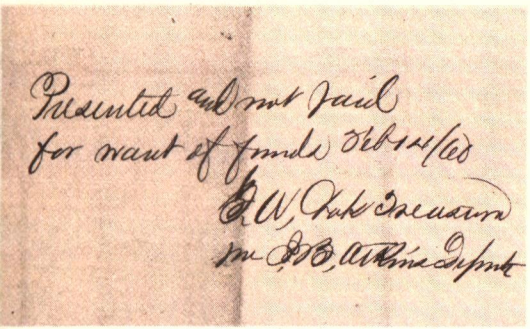
AN EMPTY TREASURY: DENVER, 1859

[48] [COLORADO.] [Jefferson Territory.] Bissell, C. R. (Auditor of Jefferson Territory). Printed and signed demand on the Treasurer of the Territory of Jefferson for the sum of twenty-five dollars. Oblong 12mo broadside within ornamental borders. Denver City, Jefferson Territory, 13 December 1859. 350.00

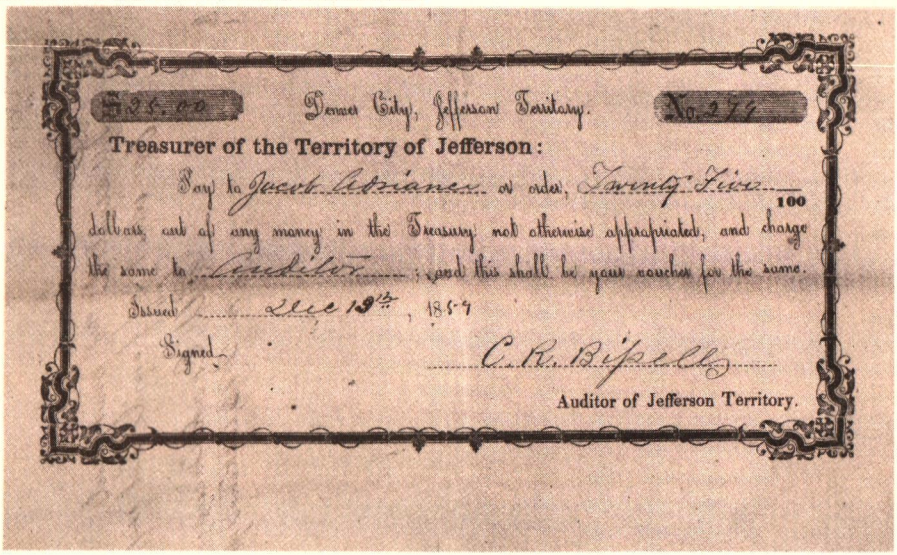
Not in McMurtrie and Allen, but see their no. 2. Endorsed on the verso by the territorial treasurer: "Presented and not paid for want of funds, Feb. 14/60."

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Original excerpt from Catalog #154 of Edward Eberstadt & Sons, New York City, 1960, indicating the source of the seemingly unique $25 Auditor's Warrant of Jefferson Territory in the Ford collection. At the wholesale 1 level, $350 would have purchased nine *nice U.S. double eagles in 1960-61, coins worth about $5,000 today!*



The new "state" was to be called "Jefferson" after President Thomas Jefferson, the guiding light of the Louisiana Purchase from France some fifty-six years earlier.



Obverse and reverse of the only known fiscal paper item bearing the imprint of the long forgotten Territory of Jefferson. The reverse inscription showing refusal of payment upon presentation adds considerable human interest to an already highly historical piece of paper.

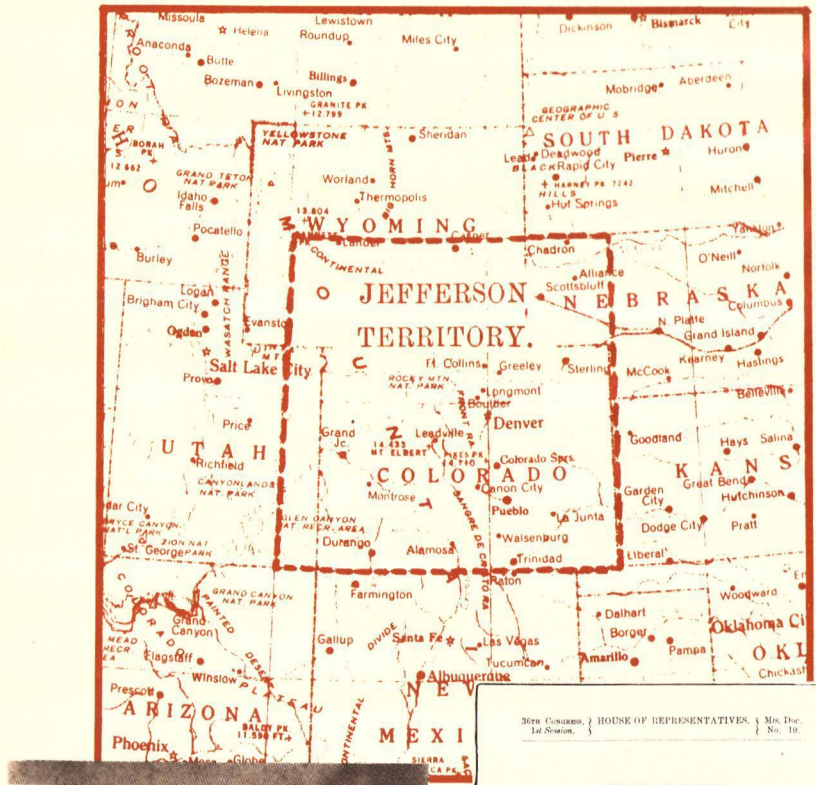
One hundred and twenty-four years ago, much of the present area of Colorado was part of the territories of Kansas and Nebraska. The western territorial boundaries extended to what was then the eastern line of Utah. The two-hundred-odd inhabitants of the area comprising present day Denver (the settlement of "Auraria") held a meeting on November 6, 1858, culminating in what amounted to an election. Out of the Pike's Peak country they formed a county, which they named Arapahoe after a local tribe of Indians. Auraria was named the county seat. A delegate was also selected to petition Washington for the formation of a new territory.

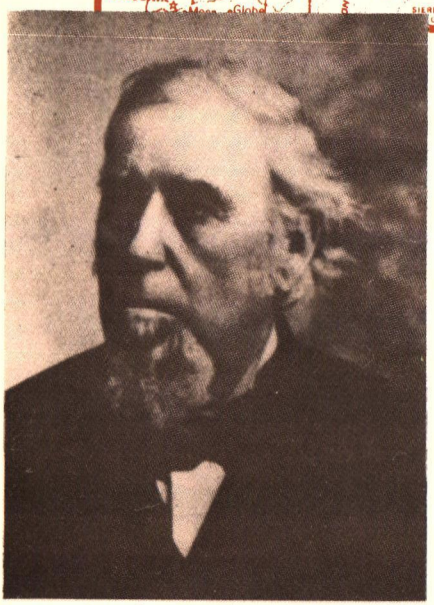
The people of this area were nominally under the distant jurisdiction of the infant Kansas Territory, the capital of which, Leavenworth, was 700 miles away. Justifiably they felt their location remote and thus desired a government of their own choosing. A gentleman named H.J. Graham, who had only arrived in the area the month before, was instructed to proceed to Washington, D.C., *at his own expense*, where he was to attempt to sell Congress on the idea of dividing the Territory of Kansas, with the western part organized into a new and separate territory. Historian Wilbur Fisk Stone summed up the activities of the Cherry Creek settlers' assembly quite well: "This action of the assembly manifested a rare spirit of enterprise in politics. They declared a district of Kansas to be a county, and deputed one of their number to the legislature with credentials of his election, and petitions that the county be established, and their representative be received. At the same time a delegate was dispatched to Congress with instructions to have the county converted into a territory."[1]

Delegate Graham made little or no headway with the bungling and impotent Buchanan administration and quickly found that little could be done with a Congress that was bitterly divided on a sectional basis over the slavery question. In April of the following year, 1859, back in what the Kansas territorial legislature considered *their* Arapahoe County, the boundaries of a new state (or, failing that, a new territory) were delineated by the local activists.

The new "state" was to be called "Jefferson" after President Thomas Jefferson, the guiding light of the Louisiana Purchase from France some fifty-six years earlier. Before the name "Jefferson" had been decided upon, the names "Shoshone," proposed by James W. Denver, governor of Kansas Territory; "Cibola," Spanish for buffalo; and "Pikes Peak" were considered and rejected. The state was to be formed from parts of Kansas, Nebraska, Utah and New Mexico and would be half again as large as the present day state of Colorado. Its eastern and southern lines following the 102nd meridan and 37th parallel would be the same as those of the Colorado of today, but the west boundary of Jefferson would extend one degree of longitude further into Utah and the northern boundary would be the 43rd parallel, the upper limit of present day Nebraska. This would extend westward through much of Wyoming, cutting that state (as presently defined) in half horizontally. The boys in the diggings and settlements constituting the Pike's Peak area clearly had big ideas; their new state or territory would be 320 miles wide and would extend 417 miles from north to south.

ACTIVITY CONTINUED through the late spring and summer of 1859 towards the creation of the new government. In August 164 delegates assembled in Auraria (at the southwest corner of Denver's Lawrence and Tenth streets) to prepare a state constitution and to again petition Congress via a Memorial "asking the immediate organization of a Territorial





Beverly D. Williams, 1890.

36TH CONGRESS, 1st Session. } HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. { MIS. DOC. No. 10.

JEFFERSON TERRITORY.

LETTER

FROM

THE DELEGATE ELECT FROM THE PROPOSED TERRITORY OF JEFFERSON.

ACCOMPANIED BY

A memorial of the provisional government, and the message of the governor thereof, asking the establishment of a territorial organization for the same.

FEBRUARY 15, 1860.—Referred to the Committee on Territories, and ordered to be printed

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C., *February 9, 1860.*

The undersigned, a delegate-elect from the proposed new Territory of Jefferson, having just received from the governor of said Territory the enclosed petition from the legislature of the provisional government, now in actual operation within the bounds as laid down in said petition, also the message of the governor of said provisional government, asking the establishment of a territorial organization for the same, the establishment of post routes, &c., with instruction to me to have the same laid before your honorable bodies, for such action as you may deem right and proper in the premises, I take pleasure in presenting the same to you, and ask that it be printed, together with this communication, and referred to the Committee on Territories.

BEVERLEY D. WILLIAMS,
Delegate.

To the honorable the House of Representatives of the Provisional Territory of Jefferson:

Your committee to whom was consigned the duty of preparing a memorial to the President and Congress of the United States, in ac-

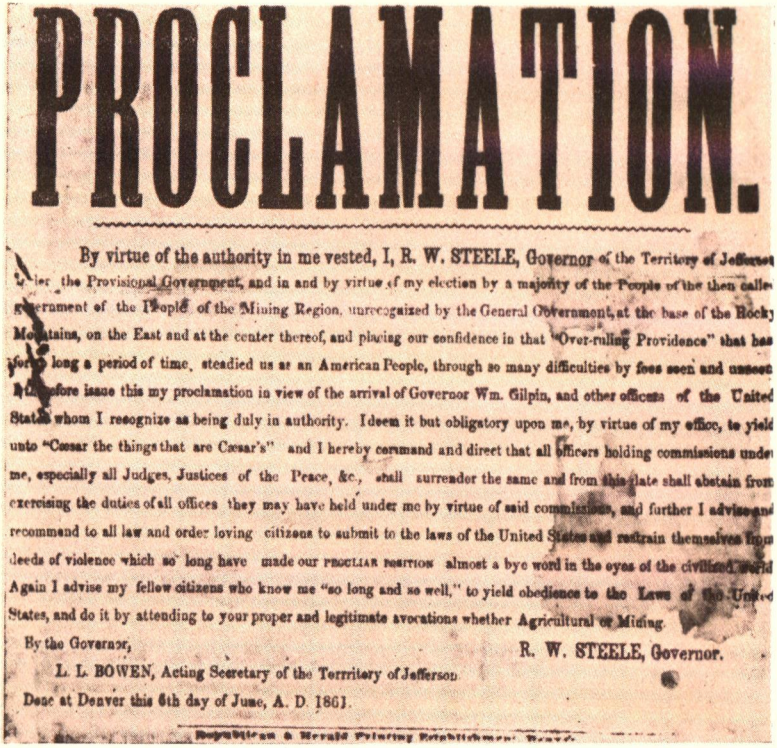
First page of the petition submitted to Congress, early in 1860, by delegate Williams on behalf of the proposed Territory of Jefferson.

Government for the Territory of Jefferson."[2] While the initial idea was that Jefferson should be formed as a state, the contrary idea grew that a territorial government would be preferable. This was due mainly to the expectation that a state government would entail strong local expense, while much of the cost of a territorial government would be borne by the U.S. Treasury or, in other words, the taxpayers back East. The economy argument prevailed; on September 5, 1859, 2,007 individuals voted in favor of a territory, while only 649 decided for the state movement.

Things then started to move rapidly. On October 3, Beverly D. Williams, first manager at Denver of the Leavenworth & Pike's Peak Express, was elected Delegate in Congress. As Jerome C. Smiley put it, "Under the arrangements, this Delegate was now to be the Representative of the people in the Pike's Peak country, was to take charge of the Memorial to Congress, take up Mr. Graham's task where he had been forced to leave it, again endeavor to have this region detached from the other Territories, and recognized and organized by Congress as a separate political division."[3] Like an ambassador, Mr. Williams proceeded to Washington, where he was given left-handed recognition, being admitted to the lobby of the house and received with deference by the various Departments of the Federal Government. Delegate Williams also managed to submit a letter to the first session of the 36th Congress, dated February 9, 1860, which was accompanied by the aforementioned Memorial of the provisional territorial government, together with a message from R.W. Steele, the "governor" of the nebulous western territory. On February 15, these letters and the Memorial were referred to the House Committee on Territories and ordered to be printed.[4] The Committee did not immediately act (they seldom do!), but Mr. Williams ably took over where H.J. Graham had failed, and his activity during the two sessions of Congress, 1859-61, was instrumental in the eventual creation of the Territory of Colorado (in the usual and regular way) early in 1861.

Meanwhile, back home, the pot continued to boil. The Jefferson Territorial Constitution was finally completed on October 12, 1859, and on October 24 it was ratified. The name "Jefferson" was confirmed and the ambitious territorial boundaries were defined exactly as they had been outlined the previous April. Completing arrangements, the convention of the provisional government, assembled in Denver City, proceeded to nominate candidates for all of the territorial executive offices. Two tickets were chosen: the "Convention Ticket" and the "Independent Ticket." Robert W. Steele, formerly of Florence, Nebraska, was elected governor of Jefferson Territory on October 24, 1859, and his compatriots on the Convention Ticket accompanied him into office. C.R. Bissell was the Convention candidate for auditor and George W. Cook the group's man for the office of territorial treasurer.

On the seventh day of November 1859, the first "Jefferson Legislature," consisting of a Council (senate) and a House of Representatives, met for its initial session. The meeting was held in the upper floor of a large frame building owned by the Leavenworth & Pike's Peak Express, which stood on the south side of Larimer Street, Denver City. Many laws were passed by the first legislature, among them one defining the boundaries of twelve counties constituting the provisional territory. A judicial system was established and civil and criminal codes were produced, the latter approved by Governor Steele on January 25, 1860. Before it adjourned on December 7, 1859, the Legislature (consisting of eight Council and 21



PROCLAMATION.

By virtue of the authority in me vested, I, R. W. STEELE, Governor of the Territory of Jefferson under the Provisional Government, and in and by virtue of my election by a majority of the People of the then called Government of the People of the Mining Region, unrecognized by the General Government, at the base of the Rocky Mountains, on the East and at the center thereof, and placing our confidence in that "Over-ruling Providence" that has for so long a period of time, steadied us as an American People, through so many difficulties by foes seen and unseen, do before issue this my proclamation in view of the arrival of Governor Wm. Gilpin, and other officers of the United States whom I recognize as being duly in authority. Ideem it but obligatory upon me, by virtue of my office, to yield unto "Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's" and I hereby command and direct that all officers holding commissions under me, especially all Judges, Justices of the Peace, &c., shall surrender the same and from this date shall abstain from exercising the duties of all offices they may have held under me by virtue of said commissions, and further I advise and recommend to all law and order loving citizens to submit to the laws of the United States and restrain themselves from deeds of violence which so long have made our PECULIAR position almost a bye word in the eyes of the civilized world. Again I advise my fellow citizens who know me "so long and so well," to yield obedience to the Laws of the United States, and do it by attending to your proper and legitimate avocations whether Agricultural or Mining.

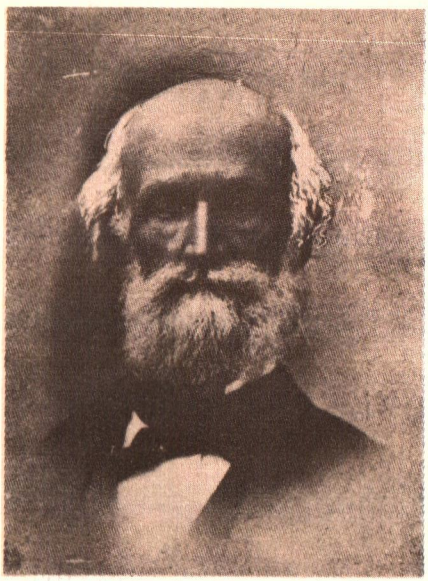
By the Governor, R. W. STEELE, Governor.

L. L. BOWEN, Acting Secretary of the Territory of Jefferson.

Done at Denver this 6th day of June, A. D. 1861.

Republican & Herald Printing Establishment, Denver.

Final "abdication" of the Territory of Jefferson, a proclamation published as a broadside and issued by Governor R.W. Steele, June 6, 1861. Issued "in view of the arrival of Governor Wm. Gilpin," Steele's replacement appointed by the Federal Government.



Robert W. Steele, Governor of Jefferson Territory.

"We hope and expect to see it (Territory of Jefferson) stand until we can boast of a million people and look upon a city of a hundred thousand souls, having all the comforts and luxuries of the most favored."

House members) also provided revenue in the form of a dollar poll tax, gave a charter to the City of Denver, and, despite some protests, otherwise provided an outlet for the pent-up energy of the period.

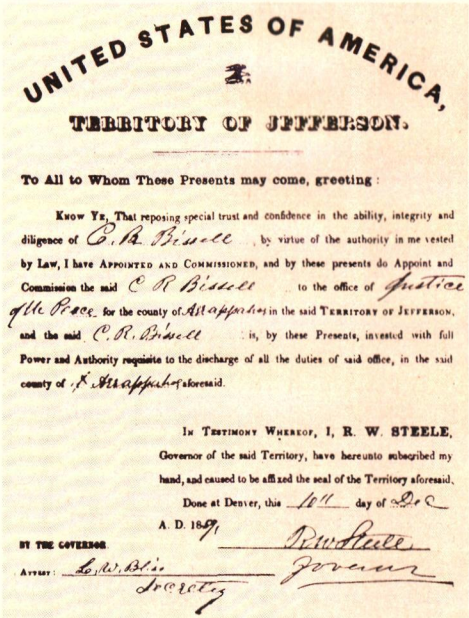
The *Rocky Mountain News* strongly supported the concept of a new territorial government from the beginning, reporting the important meetings of April 11-15, 1859 in its first issue on April 23, 1859. Almost immediately, this famous pioneer newspaper removed "K.T." (Kansas Territory) from its masthead, substituting "J.T." (Jefferson Territory) in its place. William N. Byers, the part-owner of the *News* at the time, made a remarkable prediction when the Legislature of the Territory of Jefferson convened late that fall: "We hope and expect to see it [Territory of Jefferson] stand until we can boast of a million people, and look upon a city of a hundred thousand souls, having all the comforts and luxuries of the most favored. Then we will hear the whistle of the locomotive, and the rattle of trains arriving and departing on their way to and from the Atlantic and Pacific. The future of Jefferson Territory—soon to be a sovereign state—is glorious with promise. No country in the world in so short a time has developed so many resources of wealth."[5]

THE LOCAL MOVEMENT towards the establishment of a territorial government, from the autumn of 1858 to the critical months of October and November, 1859, was clearly a spontaneous one. It had relieved Congress of the immediate task of creating a new territory and President Buchanan the duty of sending party hacks west to misgovern it. Despite the initial "people's movement" type of participation towards the creation and implementation of Jefferson Territory, the situation in many ways was muddled. Many county officers, primarily ones in outlying areas, were elected under jurisdiction of the Kansas Territorial government and much real estate was registered and transferred under K.T. laws. Although Governor Steele was reelected on October 22, 1860, and the "Second General Assembly" met in Denver on November 12 (moving on November 17 to Golden City, where board was cheaper and "wood, lights and hall rent free"), the political situation in the Territory of Jefferson was clearly deteriorating during the latter months of 1860. Interest in the new territory notably declined in Denver as a result of that city's new "Provisional Government" having a mind of its own. There was a hard fought presidential campaign going on in the eastern states and some wild talk of southern state secession was in the air. An alleged census of Jefferson Territory was taken early in the fall of 1860 and it was claimed that 48,000 souls resided in the confines of the new territory. However, most people questioned the enumeration, as it was commonly believed that news of impending events in the states caused many to return east. A little over four months following the reelection of Governor Steele, lame duck President Buchanan, on February 28, 1861, signed the Act of Congress creating the Territory of Colorado. (Kansas was admitted to the Union as a state on January 29.)

It is amusing to note that when the question of territorial organization finally came up in the United States Senate that the name "Jefferson" was promptly turned down. The list of proposed names is an interesting one. It included "Tampa," "Idaho" (which was the name first accepted), "Nemara," "San Juan," "Lula," "Arapahoe," "Weappollao," "Tahosa," "Lafayette," "Columbus," "Franklin," and "Colona." As editor Stone wrily observed, "When the bill was about to pass, the name 'Colorado' was ordered substituted for that of 'Idaho' at the

suggestion of Delegate Williams."[6] The bill organizing the new territory became involved with the slavery controversy to such an extent that Schuyler Colfax claimed that it was the "slave power" in Congress that defeated his proposed name of "Colona" for the new entity.

Jefferson Territory formally gave up the ghost on June 6, 1861, when Governor R. W. Steele issued a proclamation from Denver announcing the arrival of his replacement, Governor William Gilpin (West Point graduate and the Colonel Gilpin of Fremont Expedition and Mexican War fame!). The new governor actually arrived in Denver on May 29. A census taken soon after his arrival showed a population of 25,329 in the territory, of whom 4,484 were females.[7] It might be of considerable peripheral numismatic interest to mention here, primarily for the benefit of Pioneer Gold coin specialists, that the 1860 issues of Clark, Gruber & Co. (inscribed CLARK & CO., as well as CLARK GRUBER) were technically issued in Jefferson Territory rather than Colorado as the recognized references have long had it.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

TERRITORY OF JEFFERSON.

To All to Whom These Presents may come, greeting:

Know Ye, That reposing special trust and confidence in the ability, integrity and diligence of C. R. Bissell, by virtue of the authority in me vested by Law, I have Appointed and Commissioned, and by these presents do Appoint and Commission the said C R Bissell to the office of Justice of the Peace for the county of Arapahoe in the said Territory of Jefferson, and the said C. R. Bissell is, by these Presents, invested with full Power and Authority requisite to the discharge of all the duties of said office, in the said county of Arapahoe aforesaid.

In Testimony Whereof, I, R. W. STEELE, Governor of the said Territory, have hereunto subscribed my hand, and caused to be affixed the seal of the Territory aforesaid. Done at Denver, this 10th day of Dec A. D. 1859.

By the Governor

Attest: G. W. Bissell Secretary

R. W. Steele Governor

Commission as Justice of the Peace issued to C.R. Bissell and signed by Governor R.W. Steele of the Territory of Jefferson, December 10, 1859. Judge Bissell was also the territorial auditor, and the $25 Warrant issued to Adriance bears his signature.

THE REVERSE OF the Auditor's Warrant of Jefferson Territory bears the penned notation, "Presented and not paid for want of funds Feb. 14, 60." This is not surprising as the territorial treasury could not and did not pay salaries or per diem allowances to its officers, since, in most instances, taxes were quite difficult to collect. In January, 1860, for instance, rebellious miners of the upper Clear Creek districts told Governor Steele, via a written protest, that they would not pay the individual poll tax of one dollar (for the local elections held on January 2, 1860). A license system established for Jefferson Territory placed a tax on every occupation except those of farming and mining. For example, the tax on gamblers was $2.50 per month "on each table or other appliance used for gaming." It is not difficult to imagine how readily tax laws of this caliber were complied with, much less enforced. Apparently, it was simpler to desire and assemble a provisional territorial government than to pay for it!

The warrant is signed by C.R. Bissell as territorial auditor. The bad news on the reverse concerning payment was written by J. B. Atkins as the deputy of G.W. Cook, the territorial treasurer. The warrant itself is payable to Jacob Adriance or order. Two years after obtaining this unusual paper prize, I was in Denver entertaining the hope of possibly finding out something concerning the individuals directly connected with it. The occasion of my visit to the "mile high city" was the 1963 ANA Convention. Arriving a few days prior to the commencement of the annual national numismatic show, I was directed to the establishment of

that venerable Rocky Mountain bookman, the renowned and respected Fred Rosenstock. He and I had been first introduced in 1958 by the late Dr. Whitely, and we had corresponded for some years. After looking over the warrant, Mr. Rosenstock told me that I could probably find much of the information that I was seeking in Jerome C. Smiley's *History of Denver*, a massive nine-pound book consisting of nearly one-thousand pages, first published in 1901. He put me in a corner, gave me an ash tray, and left me alone. Several hours later I was convinced that Fred Rosentock knew what he was talking about.

As mentioned earlier, C.R. Bissell was elected auditor of Jefferson Territory in the election of October 24, 1859, and George W. Cook the territorial treasurer, both on the convention ticket. At the election held a year later, on October 22, 1860, when Governor Steele was reelected, Mr. Bissell was also returned to office. A little reading revealed that in the county election of November 8, 1859, auditor Bissell was elected Probate Judge of Araphoe County, and that a month later, on December 10, Governor Steele also appointed him Justice of the Peace for the County of Araphoe. Although Bissell was clearly a man who could wear many hats at once, one can only assume that most of his positions were not very demanding. Of Mr. Cook I could find little, either in the *History of Denver* or elsewhere. Smiley did not list him as part of the slate reelected to office in 1860, and I have not been able to locate mention of him in contemporary issues of the *Rocky Mountain News*.

Fortunately, I was more successful digging up data concerning Treasurer Cook's deputy, J.B. Atkins. It seems that on December 19, 1859 (the date that the warrant was issued), he was elected a Councilman of the combined municipality of Denver, formed a couple weeks earlier by the merger of Auraria City, Denver City and Highland. Further research established that John B. Atkins, formerly of Mount Clemens, Michigan, was married on October 16, 1859, to Miss Lydia R. Allen, the eldest daughter of Henry Allen of Auraria City. This marriage was notable as being the first in the Cherry Creek towns, the first in the Pike's Peak Region, and probably the first in the territory. It was so reported in the *Rocky Mountain News* of October 20, 1859.

ALTHOUGH I HAD variable luck investigating Messrs. Bissell, Cook and Atkins, I hit real pay dirt in my search for information about Jacob Adriance, the gentleman to whom $25 was to have been paid by virtue of the Auditor's Warrant. For beginners, Jacob Adriance was the Reverend Adriance of the Methodist-Episcopal church. He arrived in Cherry Creek from the Rock Bluff Mission in Nebraska on June 29, 1859. His assigned task was to organize and put into operation, in conjunction with the Reverend William H. Goose, the "Pike's Peak and Cherry Creek Mission." On July 3, a few days after Adriance's arrival, the first services were held in Denver by the two Methodist pioneers. Later in the month, Adriance and Goode preached at Mountain City (later part of Central City). On August 8, Reverend Goode returned to the states, and never came back to Denver.[8] The name of the local mission was changed to "The Auraria and Denver City Mission," which was to serve the settlements of Golden City, Arapahoe, Boulder City, and Twelve Mile Diggings. Reverend Goode left Reverend Adriance in charge prior to his departure, and the latter commenced operations of what was to become the Trinity Methodist-Episcopal Church of Denver.

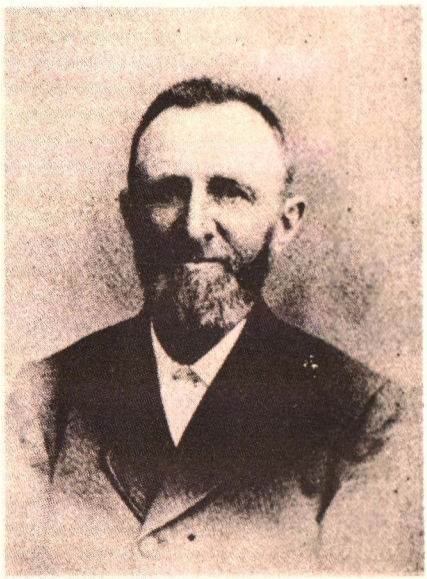
Reverend Jacob Adriance did not have an easy time of it. Jerome Smiley quoted from a letter received in Denver from him in December, 1893, in which he

reminisced: "Up to this time [August 8, 1859, upon the occasion of Reverend Goode's departure] I had camped with Brother Goode, but now I must find a home elsewhere. Thinking it would not be safe for me to pay $7 per week for board, I rented at $10 per month, a cabin about 12 x 14, with one window and door but no floor. It was located about two blocks across the creek from the church that was built in 1860 [the Methodist-Episcopal South]. I carpeted the ground with hay, bought a little sheet-iron stove with its fixtures, a tin plate and a cup, knife and fork, and spoon, made a table, stool, and bedstead, and began housekeeping, thanking God that there was one place that I could call home.

"My pastoral work was with the families—not many; in business houses, hotels, camps by the wayside, travelers on the way—anywhere that I could get to talk with anybody.

"Nothing seem settled. It was going and coming. Persons would join the church, and the next time I came around I could not find them. And so it was, largely, with my congregations. Then we had no permanent place of worship. In warm weather I would hunt up unfinished buildings on Friday or Saturday, and post notices of time and place of preaching. At the appointed time I would be there and begin to sing, when the men—and occasionally a woman or two—would gather in, fill up the room, and often more outside than in, patiently standing, with open mouths, while I would talk of the gold that was certain and pure."

On page 718 of his extraordinarily comprehensive history, Smiley placed an illustration of Reverend Adriance's cabin. It was one of the usual type of the period—one story, of rough logs, and with a dirt or sod roof. As mentioned, it had but one window and the usual fireplace for warmth. Late in October, 1859, the Reverend G.W. Fisher came down from the mountains and moved in with Reverend Adriance, sharing his humble cabin, and jointly holding services in it as circumstances permitted. As Smiley stated, ". . . it also sheltered the first Sunday School in Denver." In this connection, it was announced: "A union Sunday school for the children of Auraria and Denver will be held every Sunday at 3 o'clock P.M., at the house of Preachers Fisher and Adriance near Cherry Creek."[10]



Rev. Jacob Adriance, the unfortunate payee of the refused Jefferson Territory Warrant.

The Auditor's Warrant, payable by the treasurer of the Territory of Jefferson to Reverend Adriance, was refused on February 14, 1860. According to Smiley, Jacob Adriance left Denver two days later, on February 16, ostensibly to attend a church conference at Leavenworth, K.T. He never returned. This may have been a coincidence, but perhaps the nonpayment of his territorial obligation influenced Reverend Adriance to leave Jefferson after staying in the newly formed territory less than eight months. We shall never know. Possibly the refusal of payment for Auditor's Warrant No. 279 was the last straw for

Reverend Adriance. After all, the sum of $25 was a rather substantial amount at that time. We do know that our minister friend finally located in Jamestown, Nebraska, where he was alive and well after the turn of the present century.

FEW IMPRINTS ARE known today bearing the "Territory of Jefferson" or "J.T." designation. In addition to the few rare copies of the *Rocky Mountain News* displaying the initials of the ephemeral territory, only the Commission of C.B. Bissell to the office of Justice of the Peace, a few broadsides, several directories, and a couple copies of the territorial laws as put forth by Governor Steele's legislature survive, to my knowledge, in addition to the warrant in my collection. Until another specimen appears, this prized example of U.S. western fiscal paper must be considered unique. While certainly true from the technical standpoint of rarity, the unique title might apply as much, if not more so, as a testimonial to a little known, long forgotten, but highly intriguing historical episode . . . the short-lived existence of the "Territory of Jefferson."

NOTES

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5. *Rocky Mountain News*, Denver City, J.T., November 7, 1859. Editor Byers came to the Auraria area from the (then) little village of Omaha, N.T.; he purchased the printing press upon which the *News* was initially printed at the (relatively larger) Town of Bellevue, nine miles south of Omaha, during the winter of 1858-59. According to William N. Byers, his newspaper represented the first printing done in the territory. Due to an acute shotage of newsprint, some of the early issues appeared upon tissue or brown wrapping paper. The paper became a daily on August 27, 1860.
6. Stone, *History of Colorado*, Vol. I, p. 418, 419.
7. Fossett, Frank, *Colorado, Its Gold and Silver Mines, Farms and Stock Ranges, and Health and Pleasure Resorts*, (New York, 1879), p. 130.
8. Just prior to his departure from Jefferson Territory, Rev. Goode served as chaplain of the constitutional convention which convened on August 1, 1859. Following his departure from the area, W.H. Goode settled in the Midwest. Subsequently, he wrote a book titled *Outposts of Zion with Limning of Mission Life*, in which he told of his missionary activities in frontier Nebraska and Kansas, his life on the praries, in the Rocky Mountains and in the new gold country of "Colorado." His biography was published in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1864 (See Howes G236, Wagner-Camp 390).
9. Smiley, *History of Denver*, p. 717.
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11. Ibid., p. 721.

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Numismatic Adventures on the Central Kingdom Express

by Gerald and Ruth Schmidt, LM 715 and ANA 69536

The world's longest train ride? The front page news item piqued our interest. The "Central Kingdom Express" would traverse 9,300 miles in 43 days on its inaugural journey, leaving from London and passing through some of the world's most beautiful and diverse countryside . . . France . . . Germany . . . Poland . . . Russia . . . Mongolia . . . China . . . offering its participants an adventure of a lifetime. The more we read the more interested we became, but more than a year would pass from the time the idea was first planted in our minds by that news item in early 1979 to the actual realization of our departure from London.

Our expectations were not disappointed. Not only was the trip filled with enough spectacular scenery and exotic culture to satisfy any traveler, but the numismatic enrichment and knowledge gained was far more than we anticipated would be possible. The physical acquisition of rare coins in the "Socialist" countries would be difficult, but the thrill of seeing newly excavated and heretofore unknown Chinese gold and silver coins from the Ming Tombs, recently discovered Han Dynasty clay burial money in Hunan Province, and early Mongol knife money and paper money in Outer Mongolia's capital of Ulan Bator would more than compensate. At Irkutsk, deep in Siberia, we would see the old Russo-Asiatic Bank Building that served as Admiral Kolchak's headquarters in a losing cause against the Bolsheviks. Other numismatic highlights would be found in the great museums in East Berlin, Moscow, Nanjing and Changsha and in a visit to Warsaw's fabulous flea market.

It was a trip to London in May 1979 to bid Sotheby's auction of odd and curious money from the Howard Gibbs collection that provided initial clues on how to embark on the rail trip to China.


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中華民國二十六年印



And finally, in October, the package was put together through the persistence of our friend Annie Berry at Richmond's American Express Office.

LONDON

We decide on an early June departure from London. This will permit a much to be desired mid-summer traversing of Siberia, Outer Mongolia and northern China. Once the myriad of forms and visa applications are completed, we turn our attention to the voluminous minutiae accompanying the preparations for a trip of this duration and diversity.

Interspersed with trying to run a business, we do as much homework concerning the trip as possible during the succeeding eight months. Ruthie takes a Berlitz course in Russian, and I try to bone up a little on Mandarin Chinese. Our skill levels are laughable, but we are to find that simply being able to read the Cyrillic alphabet and remembering a few Chinese phrases will help us immensely in finding our way around in some of the Russian and Chinese cities.

Maps and indoctrination kits arrive from London. In March, Ruthie attends a special briefing on the trip in New York City. Our accomodations on the train will be first class with two to a compartment until we board the Chinese train at Ulan Bator. From then on, first class means that four people will share a compartment.

As time draws near for departure, we grow apprehensive over what effect our closing and prolonged absence of two months will have on the business. Our customers and friends prove to be most understanding, however, and many help us with the planning. Finally, everything is assembled—cameras, clothing, guide books, small gifts to pass out in host countries and numismatic references. As we leave the house, T'ai, our pet Siamese cat is hiding under the desk and wailing pitiously, uncharacteristic for him during the twelve years he's been with us. The two hour drive to Dulles from Richmond and the overnight flight to London are uneventful.

As we arrive at Heathrow, a steady dismal rain is falling. We are grateful that our PanAm 747 is able to taxi adjacent to the terminal which affords us a dry debarkation. There are only perfunctory customs formalities, and we are soon on our way by bus to London proper.

The lobby of the Grosvenor Hotel is Victorian and very pretentious, not unlike most older British hotels, and our room is small but clean. Though the trip has been painless and trouble free, we have had very little sleep and crawl into bed soon after unpacking. Our reverie is occasionally punctuated by muffled loudspeaker announcements and the rumble of trains from the adjoining Victoria Station. It will be the site of our departure three days hence.

May gives way to June during the night, and when we arise the next morning it is still raining. The prospect of a productive day appears remote as the Sunday morning flea market in Petticoat Lane and the Cutler Street open-air coin bourse are pre-empted by the weather.

By early afternoon the rain subsides, then stops. We venture forth in the direction of Buckingham Palace only a couple of blocks away. The air is quite cool for June, but the walk is nonetheless enjoyable. A four-hour stroll takes us by the Palace, through Green Park and Hyde Park to Marble Arch where the Speakers Platform affords an interlude of entertainment. The assortment of eccentrics and exhibitionists addresses political, social and religious themes which cover the spectrum. The repartee between a speaker espousing anarchism and several hecklers in the crowd is quite amusing. It is late afternoon; we return to the hotel. Now that the day is almost over, the sun appears and the clouds drift away.



Sotheby's, a favorite numismatic haunt in London.

No rain, but a gloomy overcast greets us Monday morning. It is a working day and we have a lot of ground to cover. A subway hop to Oxford Circus takes us within a short distance of Seaby's where considerable time is spent browsing through their vast assortment of numismatic references. Several are ordered for delivery in late July following our return. We are less successful in the coin department, however, as the recently advertised Japanese koban we seek has already been sold.

Our next destination is New Bond Street for inquiries at Glendenings and Sotheby's. One block into the street—near Glendenings—we see the aftermath of last night's bombing of one of the Kuwaiti offices. The plate glass windows of many of the area's shops lie in the street in shards. The incident has at least been providential for the local glaziers. We take snapshots, then proceed to Glendenings. No luck! Neither of our visits to London coincide with their forthcoming auctions. We are more fortunate at Sotheby's where we learn that coin auctions are scheduled for July 15 and 16 immediately following our return to London. The remainder of the day is spent at the British Museum studying and photographing early Engilsh coins.

In the evening we meet our co-travelers for the first time. A wine party is held in one of the hotel's meeting rooms. Of the 15 taking the initial part of the journey, all are Americans except for our British courier, Willie. All appear friendly and easy-going and we look forward to an enjoyable trip.

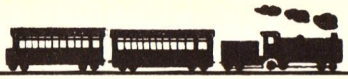
A sunny morning and a champagne breakfast set the stage for the beginning of our 9,300-mile rail odyssey on the "Middle Kingdom Express." After an initial mix-up and a few minutes delay, our train leaves for Dover. A light foggy mist obscures the White Cliffs, but we still get a view of them as our ship heads out of port toward Calais.

The channel crossing is uneventful. Ruthie becomes a little seasick, but comes out of it once her feet touch French soil. The train to Paris is comfortable, ultra-modern and, unlike the British train, spotlessly clean. The beautiful French countryside en route is most refreshing.

Paris

Paris is like a breath of fresh air after dirty, crowded London. Here, the weather is warm—about 80 degrees at 7 p.m. when we arrive at the luxurious Sheraton Hotel. Our rooms are as plush as one could hope for. We change hurriedly as we must assemble for the walk to dinner in thirty minutes. What a superb setting! We dine on the 56th floor of the Montparnasse Building, one of Paris' tallest. The panorama of the city at sunset is breathtaking with both the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomph in prominent view. The French food and wine are no less impressive. Another view of Paris from the roof of the building concludes a memorable first day of the voyage. As we are to discover, our Paris stop over will be the highlight of the trip from the standpoint of comfort, lodgings, and cuisine.

The next day is sunny and pleasantly hot. During a well-composed tour of the city we see the basic tourist attractions,



among them the French Mint and Money Museum. A thirty-minute stop in Montmartre affords us the opportunity to lay plans for future numismatic trips to Paris. Our guide, Sylvia, points out the locations of prime numismatic activity in the Stock Bourse area, but our exploitation of this knowledge must necessarily be deferred.

It is late afternoon and time to return to the Paris-Nord Rail Station. We are given sleeping compartments in a Polish train coach. The sheets on the bunks are clean but threadbare and carefully patched here and there. Willie tells us that there is no food on the train and is not quite certain what will be done about supper. Later, however, he is able to purchase a loaf of bread and salami at one of the stops. We make do with one sandwich each and a bottle of Polish beer sold at the rear of the coach for two-and-a-half francs per bottle.

As time passes, we cross into Belgium, then Germany. We are all becoming quite thirsty as there is no water on the train. This is to be a recurring problem throughout the trip. At Aachen, I am able to jump off the train and purchase a few cans of mineral water in the station at the equivalent of 70 cents each. We try to get some sleep as the East German border crossing is made at 4 a.m. However, the frequent stops, jolting of the train, station noises and checks by East German Frontier Control preclude much rest.

BERLIN

We arrive in Berlin at 6:30 a.m. and are able to immediately check into our hotel. There is no time for rest though. A quick bath and a hearty breakfast are immediately followed by a bus tour of West Berlin. it is quite interesting, especially the Wall. After lunch, we tour the Eastern Sector where our guide speaks a James Cagney style of American English. He mentions that he lived in Chicago for three years after the war, but returned to Germany at the request of his family and the "many girlfriends he left behind." Through innuendo, we sense he is melancholy and has no love for his status in the East. We see the Unterden Linden, the Soviet War Memorial and other interesting sights. There is much less traffic in the Eastern Zone, much less merchandise, and many more bombed-out buildings remaining from World War II. Taking time for refreshment, we stop in a beautiful beer garden where an old-time German brass band is playing beside the lake. Our guide downs a liter of beer and a double vodka in about three minutes. No retail coin outlets as such are to be found in East Berlin, but the Pergamum Museum, where we make a brief stop, houses an extensive collection of Roman and other early coins. We have insufficient time to take it all in, however, and must make our way back to Checkpoint Charlie for clearance into the West. As guards check the bus, we notice two little rabbits playing in the adjacent minefield.

Following our return to the hotel, I have time to do a little shopping at a nearby coin store. Prices are surprisingly reasonable, and I purchase a solidus of Justinian, an Alexander tetradrachm and two Roman denarii. Since I do not want the hassle of declaring them at each and every customs entry and exit along the way, I make arrangements with the dealer to have them shipped to my store six weeks hence.

At dinner, we are joined by the newly arrived Swiss couple, Francoise and Jean-Marc Boillat, from Berne. They are on leave from the Swiss Diplomatic Corps and will remain with our group the rest of the way to Hong Kong.

The next morning is mass confusion. Willie, our courier, oversleeps and must be rousted from bed. We somehow make the train just as it is preparing to pull out. We must then change trains a couple of short stops later when reentering East Germany from West



The Berlin Wall.

Berlin. Baggage handling becomes quite a problem as there are no porters and we have only a few minutes to switch from the train we are on to another one two platforms away on a different level. But things are finally organized and we begin rolling toward the Polish border.

WARSAW

At the frontier, customs formalities are perfunctory and much faster than those we had experienced 18 months previously when we made the trip by bus. The Polish countryside is somewhat monotonous, but nontheless interesting. The weather is sunny and warm and the fields of blooming rape appear as seas of gold. Once in a while they are punctuated by wheat or rye fields and small vegetable plots where women in kerchiefs pull weeds by hand. Although there are a number of tractors, many plows are pulled by horses.

A curious sight comes into view. A group of about fifty men wearing yellow jackets are working on the rail bed. Four other men, who are armed, are overseeing the workers. It appears that this is a Polish prisoner "chain gang." A few with half-smiles or somber looks wave feebly.

We pass the afternoon involved in a variety of activities. Our Polaroid camera gets a workout taking photos of Polish children for their appreciative parents. Bridge and gin rummy are popular pastimes, and we enjoy numerous hands of the former with Libbie and Joe Schecter during the remainder of the morning. Joe is a sea captain and the life of the party on almost every occasion. His constant repartee adds much to the enjoyment of the journey.

It is late evening when we pull into Warsaw. Our rooms in the city's largest hotel, the Forum, are modern and comfortable. At dinner, the hotel waiters are the first to offer us black market zlotys for dollars. Polish citizens are permitted to keep hard currency bank accounts which they can use to purchase automobiles and apartments without first getting on a long waiting list. We are offered 100 zloty to the dollar, almost four times the prevailing rate. During our stay we will be offered up to 140 zloty per dollar; the official rate is 26 for one.

The next day is spent touring. First, there is a thirty-mile drive into the countryside to see the cottage where Chopin was born. The tour is



moderately interesting and we have lunch in a little country inn. All of the food is locally produced, from the glass of vodka to the dill soup and Polish sausage.

We pass the afternoon in the center of Warsaw, primarily in the old town square which was totally destroyed during World War II and since rebuilt. As we had done this part of the tour on a previous occasion, we take our leave of the group as they visit two local churches and watch a propaganda film on the Soviet liberation of Warsaw. It is sunny and warm, so we stay in the square, take some movies and watch the passing parade. Our shopping there is minimal. We do, however, purchase one tray in which replicas of old Polish coins are embedded—cost, $2.80.

Thus far, I have been unable to find any coin shops, as such, in Warsaw. After querying Marek, our Polish guide, on the subject, he informs me that there is one in the city. He also agrees to take me there once the other tour members have been returned to the hotel. The shop, located at DESA #18, Nowotki Street, had unfortunately closed just before we arrived. All is not lost, however. Marek informs me that Warsaw has a Sunday flea market and that we may be able to find some coins there. He agrees to take us there in the morning.

After breakfast, Marek is waiting with his car, a French Peugeot. The day is bright and warm, perfect flea market weather. The Swiss couple, Francoise and Jean-Marc, accompany us. About ten miles from town center we come upon a panorama of frenzied capitalist activity. The scene is Wolumem Street, Warsaw's Sunday morning flea market. There is a sea of privately-owned automobiles desperately seeking a parking niche within walking distance of the three-square-block area of stalls, tables and blankets displaying every imaginable collectible or consumer item. There are literally hundreds of such concessions, many of them with items seldom seen in Western flea markets. There are spinning wheels, sabers, and crystal chandeliers. Some of the items, such as the silver services, were antiques before the U.S.A. came into existence. There are coins, medals and paper money at no less than fifty of the concessions. If I were to mention the bargain price at which many of them could be purchased, it would probably initiate a first-class stampede from the collecting West to Warsaw. There is a major hitch, however. It is against Polish law to take anything made prior to 1945 out of the country. So, for the most part, it is with wistful longing that I survey the offerings of what must be considered a virgin flea market by Western standards. As Warsaw departure time nears, Marek and I make some vague commitment for future business dealings vis-a-vis coins and related items should conditions change.

RUSSIA

Late evening we cross the Oder River and are in Russia. It is with some apprehension that we submit our papers first to Polish customs officials and then to the Soviet border guards. The Russians inflict a merciless and imperious baggage check on four of our group; the rest are untouched. We glide into Brest, our first Russian city after crossing the Oder. Once part of Poland, it is now the place where the train's transition to Russian wide-gauge track from the European narrower gauge must be made. Some of our group leave the coach to change money and have a drink in the railway station bar. A few of us remain with the train and watch the efficient wheel change operation which takes about an hour and a half. The car barns where the change is made are festooned with political slogans and huge portraits of Lenin and Marx.

We are on our way once again, and after a few hands of bridge with the Schecters, we lurch our way twenty cars forward to the dining car. It almost isn't worth the effort. The borscht is infected

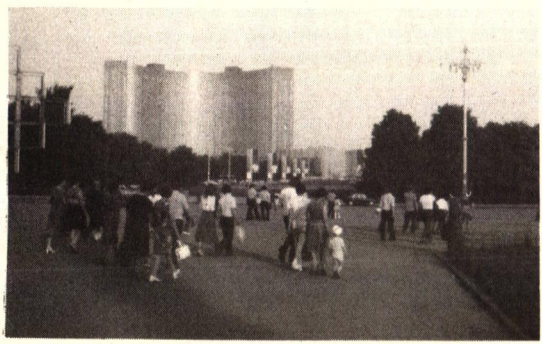
with globules of fat swimming with a few small green olives around a slice of lemon which helps ameliorate the natural taste. Hints of beets and cabbage are largely illusionary. The main course is "salmon" which tastes more like a small piece of cod fish soaked in cod liver oil. The meal is partially salvaged by cookies and a glass of excellent Georgian brandy.

An interesting sidelight occurs when the Schecters give two partially filled bottles of wine to the people sitting at a nearby table. They suppose them to be Russians and do this as a friendly gesture. As soon as Libbie and Joe leave the coach, one of the young men brings the wine to our table and states in halting English, "Your friend gave this to us. We are Polish and hate the Russians! We will drink no Russian wine." He then shakes hands with us and leaves. All things considered, this is a rather daring thing to say in the USSR within earshot of Russian diners at nearby tables.

Sleep is fitful on the swaying coach. I skip the hearty breakfast as I have already gained too much weight. The day has become very hot as we pull into Moscow. Our Soviet guide, Nina, reflects the muggy ninety-degree heat with a surly attitude. She has, for some reason, taken a hostile and antagonistic attitude toward us. During our activities briefing, we discover that our stay in Moscow will be four rather than the scheduled three days. What it boils down to is that we will be deprived of spending a night in Novosibirsk en route to Irkutsk. That means four straight days and nights on the train without a break.

Our hotel, the brand new Cosmos, has been constructed especially for the Olympics and is one of Moscow's largest. Our room is a pleasant surprise. The disappointment is that there is no hot water, nor will there be any for the next four days. The water is icy, and the shock of taking a shower is almost enough to stop one's heart. During the afternoon city tour much of our time is spent in Red Square, the Olympic Village and Moscow University. We later pause to take a photo of KGB Headquarters with its infamous Lubyanka Prison.

Ruthie learns how to negotiate the Moscow subway system from Nina, and in the evening we team up with Francoise and Jean-Marc and head for the city center to check out the local night life. On a side street near Red Square, Jean-Marc discovers the Slavish Bazaar. There is live music and atmosphere; the decor of the old building is pre-Revolutionary in style. As we sip a carafe of vodka, it is interesting to note that some of the Russian men are dancing with two girls simultaneously. We take our leave of this delightful interlude to catch the 10 p.m. changing of the guard at Lenin's Tomb. In the process we are attacked by



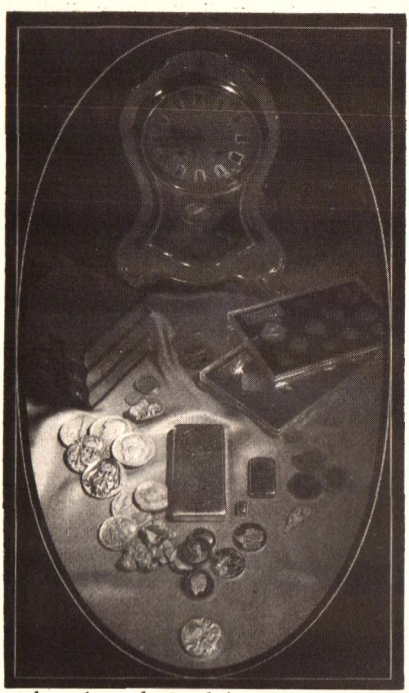
The Cosmos Hotel, Moscow.



KGB Headquarters and Lubjanka Prison, Moscow.



Changing of the Guard, Lenin's Tomb. The Museum of Russian History is in the background.



Brochure from the Bank for Foreign Trade of the U.S.S.R.

swarms of vicious Communist mosquitos, so we cut our stay short and return by subway to the hotel. As we near the entrance, a Russian soldier approaches and attempts to trade his military cap insignia for cigarettes or chewing gum.

The highlight of the next day is a visit to the Kremlin Armory. There is an incredible display of wealth and beauty, much more than I have ever before seen concentrated in one place. The lavish possessions of czars and czarinas from the earliest times are on display. There is everything from carriages and costumes to jeweled swords and solid gold plates weighing many kilos. There are also Fabergé Easter eggs, ancient weapons and jeweled presentation medals on view—quite a treat.

In the evening we attend the ballet at the Kremlin's Palace of Congresses. Chipolino is playing with music by Khachaturian. The costuming is lavish,



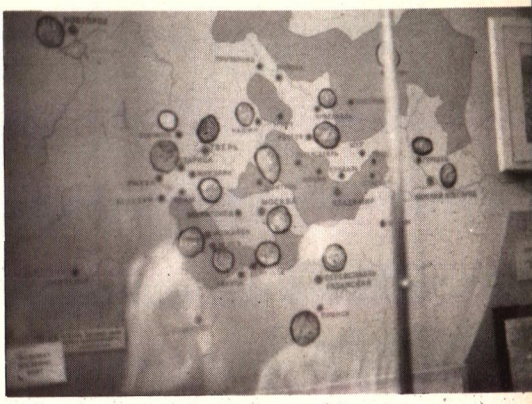
Interior of Soviet State Bank. Coins and paper money in background are sold to foreigners only.



Russian Znachki.

and it is a mildly entertaining production, although the story's political overtones are unmistakable.

The first order of business on the third day of our stay in Moscow is a visit to the Soviet State Bank for Foreign Trade. What a disappointment! Everything is grossly overpriced. In many cases the cost is double that for similar items available in the United States. Common silver rubles are $31.00, while Nicholas II 5-ruble gold coins are $121.00 each. Wholesale coin operations have been discontinued in Moscow and turned over to a Swiss bank in Zurich. The bank officials do not seem at all anxious to solicit U.S. trade as was the case during our previous visit less than two years ago. The Olympic boycott and the resultant slow sales of Olympic coins have no doubt contributed to this attitude. Nevertheless, many will find a visit to this establishment interesting as there are numerous coins and medals on display, as well as paper money, rare



Russian coins in the Museum of Russian History, Moscow.

gems, gold nuggets and precious metal ingots of varying sizes for sale at a price.

We next visit the Museum of Russian History near Red Square. It is very nicely organized with material set up chronologically to illustrate the unfolding history of Russia. Comprehensive and representative displays of coins are shown with other artifacts illustrative of each particular period or era. The museum is a must for anyone visiting Moscow who has an interest in Russian numismatics. Photography is permitted in this museum, and we avail ourselves of this opportunity to take a number of pictures.

Our final full day in Moscow is spent shopping and taking in some last-minute sights. We first visit the cavernous Gum Department Store, an ornate but seedy old structure built before the Revolution. We purchase znachki souvenirs for gifts. Znachki are little pins depicting various places and events. They are widely collected throughout the USSR, and differing variations of them are available in all Russian cities. (*Editor's Note*: See article in June 1979 issue of *The Numismatist*, "Falerists and their Russian Znachki" by Victor C. Seibert.)

Back in the hotel we see someone seated in the lounge who is wearing a





Ruthie and Jerry pose before leaving Moscow on the Trans-Siberian Express.

tee-shirt that says, "I'd rather be in Virginia." We ask him where he comes from and he answers us in Italian. We learn that one of our group has broken a leg stepping off a bus and will be flown home tomorrow along with her husband.

This evening we take a walk in the park across the street. It is run-down, but the people are interesting. Two young men approach us wanting to make a "business deal"—two rubles for one dollar. Quite attractive "ladies of the evening" are also in evidence. We return to our room and once again it is time to pack. Tomorrow, we depart for Siberia.

In reflecting on Moscow, the city appears more bustling and prosperous than during our previous visit late in 1978. The warm summer weather may have contributed to this impression, but there were undoubtedly more private cars on the road than previously. Prices are also notably higher, especially for tourists. Hotel employees no longer disdain tips; conversely, they stand with open palms not unlike their New York City counterparts. One walks the streets of Moscow with mixed emotions. To be sure, the police are omnipresent reminders that the state controls all aspects of citizen activity. However, this is at least partially offset by the almost complete safety from violent crime one feels while strolling through a park or taking a subway.

It is Friday the thirteenth, and a cold pelting rain greets our departure. After the ninety-degree temperatures of recent days this is a drastic change. Our train arrives at mid-morning a few minutes late. The rain stops, and the clouds begin to break up. Though the sun decides to peek through, the cold north wind does not subside, and many of the people we see through the train windows are well bundled up.

We are in a clean two-bunk compartment in the first-class section. For this we are grateful. With the prospect of a virtual non-stop four day train ride ahead of us, any amenities are most welcome. There is no wash basin in the compartment, so personal cleanliness will become difficult with twenty people attempting to use the communal facility at the end of the car. Valentina, our coach attendant, loses no time in making up our beds and fixing us a glass of hot tea. She is a pleasant, cheerful and efficient person whom we soon come to like very much.

We take our meals in the dining car, six coaches forward. To get there, we must traverse the second and third class sleeping facilities. Conditions are abysmal in the third class section, much like steerage aboard a sea-going scow. The passengers, many of them military personnel and their families on their way to Vladivostok, are packed head-to-toe like sardines. There is no privacy and no partition shielding them



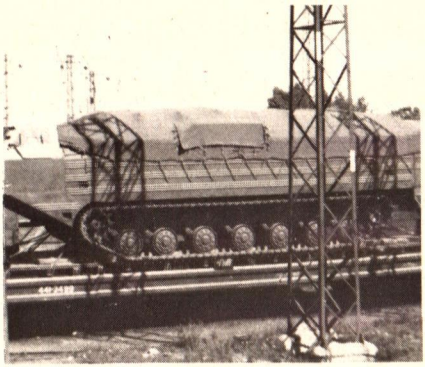
Ruthie and our cabin attendant, Valentina, pose with the Trans-Siberian Express Log.

from passers-through walking the aisles. Many of them scowl at us as we further disturb and discomfit them going to and from meals. The scene in these cars is reminiscent of movies depicting people being transported to Siberia in box cars during the Revolution.

The passing scenery is repetitious but interesting. There are many villages of little wooden houses and log cabins. The streets in them are unpaved, and the wells in the back yards attest to the lack of plumbing. It appears there has been little change in decades.

The day is spent studying Chinese and playing bridge. Libby Schecter manages a trade with a young Russian soldier for his belt with its hammer and sickle buckle. We cross the Volga River in early evening; then, in the night, we pass through Kirov. Darkness never comes. In mid-June at this latitude, daylight prevails the entire 24 hours. It is not conducive to sleep, and I awake many times thinking it is late morning only to check my watch and find it is two or three a.m.

We cross another river, the Kama. The city of Perm lies on its east bank. We stop here for fifteen minutes, enough time to disembark and stretch



Soviet mobile missile launcher near Sverdlorsk.



Cabin attendants on the Trans-Siberian Express.

our legs in the brisk sunny air.

Lunch is an adventure. We must again run the steerage coach gauntlet. I take the Polaroid this time and it's an instant hit. The Russian diners all want their pictures taken, and I quickly run out of film. Many of them give us znachki pins from their home towns.

By late afternoon we reach Sverdlovsk where several hundred people reportedly died in a nerve gas accident several months previously. As we pull in, we see a long adjoining train with hundreds of new automobiles. There is also a flatbed train loaded with new Soviet tanks, armored personnel carriers and mobile missle launchers.

The weather has warmed up again as we pull into Omsk at 8 a.m. The 40-minute stop affords an opportunity to get some exercise and fresh air. I make the mistake of taking the Polaroid out on the platform and am quickly beseiged by Russians who want their picture taken. The lady train attendants chase most of them off as they don't want me to run out of film before I have taken their own pictures. This situation will present itself time and time again throughout the trip. The camera is an instant ice-breaker, and the photos given as token gifts appear to be much appreciated.

The countryside is now a monotonous plain much like our own Midwest. There are wheat fields, herds of cattle and small stands of birch. The heat of the day extends into the evening. We are immobile at a siding for more than two hours. The delay, combined with the heat and mosquitos, makes it quite uncomfortable. An impromptu champagne party thrown by two of our group helps alleviate the problem. We cross the Ob River late in the afternoon and stop briefly in Novosibirsk. It's an unattractive industrial city. Women's lib is conscientiously practiced here. A number of women unload heavy bags and boxes from freight cars, while the men either watch or drive the lorries.

The countryside is once again hilly and forested. The weather is sunny and very hot, and life aboard the train becomes increasingly uncomfortable as we begin our fourth consecutive day without a real break. In addition, we are running more than nine hours behind schedule which means that our time in Irkutsk will be cut short. The dining car is out of water and fruit juice. Wine is the only available liquid to drink, and it is expensive and not satisfying.

East of the Yenese River the terrain becomes more mountainous, and Swiss chalet type villages dot the hillsides. Supper is a very pleasant surprise. Caviar and champagne go with soup, roast beef, potatoes and dessert. At a



Postcard view of Lake Baikal and a Siberian Village.



Train Station in Irkutsk.

short stop in Elanskaya, one of our fellow Russian passengers buys some onion-like leek leaves from two old women by the track. He passes them around. They have a somewhat unusual taste but are quite good and seem to have alleviated the scratchy throats Ruthie and I had awakened with this morning.

In the evening two cabin attendants on the adjoining coach come to our compartment bearing candy and asking to have their pictures taken. A short time later our own attendant, Valentina, brings by the Trans-Siberian log for us to sign. Another round of picture taking takes place.

By morning we are in central Siberia and still running nine hours late. The rails are crowded this time of year, primarily with Siberian products headed west to European Russia. Snow is an inhibiting factor much of the year, and the rail system must make up for it during the brief summer. Freight is given priority which helps explain why we are traveling behind schedule. We must pull over on a siding many times to let the more strategically important trains pass.

There is a cute little blond Russian girl gazing out of the train window at the passing scenery. I snap a Polaroid photo of her which she smilingly accepts and takes into her parent's compartment. In a short while, as we near Irkutsk, the train stops briefly at a small station. A few minutes later, the little girl enters our compartment with two cups of ice cream. Her father had jumped off the train to purchase them during the brief stop. As we leave the train in Irkutsk, we say "goodbye" to him in Russian. He replies, "The same to you," in perfect English. On the wall of his compartment hangs the uniform of a Soviet general.

Although it is hot in Irkutsk, we are informed that it had only recently turned that way. We are well into June, but the apple blossoms are still full on the trees. We have an excellent lunch at the hotel and then depart for Lake Baikal, an hour and a half away. It is a splendid spectacle and the air is crisp, about 15 degrees cooler than in Irkutsk. We will spend the night here, and before dinner, take advantage of our free time to scrub off the four and a half days of accumulated filth from the train.

The morning air is breezy and quite cool as we begin our tour of a lake village and the Baikal Museum. Lake Baikal is one of the world's deepest lakes as well as one of its most unusual. There are numerous varieties of flora



This former Russo-Asiatic Bank in Irkutsk, now a clinic, was Kolchak's Headquarters during the revolution.

and fauna in this region which are to be found no other place in the world.

We return to Irkutsk for lunch. It is fascinating to learn during our afternoon tour of the city that Irkutsk was held by anti-Soviet forces during much of the revolutionary fighting. We visit a clinic which, prior to the Revolution, was the old Russo-Asiatic Bank. It also served as Admiral Kolchak's headquarters during the fighting. Examples of emergency paper money issued by this anti-Communist military leader are still inexpensive and relatively easy to locate.

The next day our train for Outer Mongolia is ten hours late, so we spend much of the day strolling by the river. The hot weather brings out a multitude of sunbathers and many bikinis are in evidence. The train finally arrives at supper time. We have a very pleasant meal in the dining car which includes caviar, white wine, ham and sturgeon.

Mongolia

Arrival at the frontier takes place early in the morning, and the arduous process of clearing Soviet border formalities is begun. After two and a half hours we depart for Sukh



1919 three-ruble note of the Provisional Russian Government issued by Admiral Aliksandr Kolchak.

Baator to clear Mongolian customs. There are numerous fortifications and watchtowers, especially on the Russian side—strange for two such close allies.

The Mongolian customs officer checks one of our bags and expresses primary interest in my Chinese dictionary, a French nightlife guide book from Paris and the assortment of Polaroid pictures. He leaves the compartment, then returns a few minutes later with another officer. They indicate that they want their pictures taken and I oblige. However, they do not permit me to retain a copy as it is strictly against military regulations and Mongolian law to take any photographs in the border region.

The countryside changes markedly. Vegetation is sparse, and the circular felt tent "yurt" makes its appearance. Many of the people are in traditional Mongolian costumes; some ride horses. We see a stockade fort with log towers and a corral, just like the American Old West. It's like stepping back a hundred years in time. Later in the day we glide

past small villages of yurts surrounded by grassy plains bespeckled with a profusion of wild flowers. The streams, full of sparkling water, also attest to the fact that the seasonal June rains have arrived on schedule.

Today it is hot and dry and progress is slow. We pull over on numerous sidings to permit priority freight to pass. On one such occasion, the train engineer jumps from his cab and takes a quick plunge into a nearby stream. His example is immediately followed by about 40 or 50 of the Mongolian students aboard. Fifteen minutes later, swim completed, we are once again on our way.

The train has no dining car and the boxed lunch leaves something to be desired. There are salami and cheese sandwiches for breakfast and salami and cheese sandwiches for lunch. Finally, at about 6:30 p.m., we arrive at Mongolia's capital, Ulan Bator. There is a not a lot of hustle and bustle for a city of 350,000 people. Many wear traditional costumes, and about half the city's buildings are the older wooden shacks or yurts.

Our hotel is the Ulan Bator-B. That's just what it is, a class-B hotel. There is a private bath of sorts, however, and any hotel is preferable to another overnight on the train. Supper is not memorable, but there is a choice of Mongolian or East German beer with the meal. One sip tells us we made a mistake with the



The Mongolian Historical Museum, Ulan Bator.





View of Ulan Bator, Mongolia.



Mongolian cowboys north of Ulan Bator.

Mongolian beer, so switch to the German. It is quite expensive at the legal rate of exchange—about $3.00 a bottle. We learn, only after exchanging $20.00 at the legal rate of less than three tugriks to the dollar, that a flourishing black market exists where Mongolian currency can be purchased up to a rate of 17 for one.

During our tour of the city the next morning, we find Ulan Bator's History Museum most interesting. On display is the skeleton of a dinosaur found locally as well as a portrait of Ghengis Khan and mementos of his rule. There are also some of what we came most to see—ancient Mongolian coins. It is unfortunate that I am not permitted to photograph the assortment of eight different Mongolian knives, more varieties than I previously knew existed. We also see coins from the better known Yuan Dynasty as well as the Chinese Sung Dynasty. Several varieties of elusive 18th century Mongol paper money are also on display. Further study of these numismatic items would provide data for an interesting research paper, but time and circumstances do not permit it on this occasion.

We next visit the World War II



Statue of Stalin, Ulan Bator.

memorial with its myriad of steps. The climb is well worth the effort, however. At the summit, a spectacular panorama of Ulan Bator lies before us. Factories, Buddhist temples, yurts and all the rest reward an awed and appreciative gaze.

We are grateful that the "dollar store" is open this afternoon which enables us to replenish our supply of mineral water and other familiar beverages. At a small bazaar next door, we are able to purchase a few obsolete older Mongolian coins.

During a walk, later in the afternoon, we see a statue of Stalin standing before



a government building. It is the only acknowledgement of this man we have seen thus far in our tour of "Socialist" countries.

The next morning we discover that our train for China is late. We therefore avail ourselves of the opportunity to see a yurt village 85 kilometers from Ulan Bator. The scenery varies substantially along the way. Some of it is breathtakingly beautiful. Near the unpaved road we pass by several villages and see our first yaks grazing in nearby fields. The village we seek, it turns out, is a tourist camp. The living units are modernized yurts which today are accommodating Russian vacationers from Novosibirsk. We make friends quickly and in no time are exchanging souvenirs, taking pictures, etc. We take movies of a pretty blond girl singing a Russian ballad while a young man accompanies her on a guitar. They ask us to stay for an afternoon of hiking and games and for dinner in the evening. However, we must leave immediately as we learn that our train from Ulan Bator will depart at 3 p.m.

We make the station without much time to spare. It is here that we get our first exposure to the Chinese connection. Our coach is a first class sleeping car with the national seal of the Peoples Republic emblazoned on its side. The two Chinese stewards have kept the coach immaculate, and our four-person sleeping compartment is provided with clean linen and a plentiful supply of hot water and green tea. The train's dining car is still Mongolian, and we enjoy a tasty dinner of yak and french fries. Our sleeping car, which we share with the Swiss couple, is hot. There is no air-conditioning and we cannot open the window. There is, however, a small fan which helps a bit. At dusk, we see our first camels. We have begun our passage across the Gobi Desert.

As we approach the Chinese frontier, we are awakened at 3 a.m. for border formalities. The Mongolians perform a perfunctory customs check. They again express keen interest in my Chinese dictionary, but touch little else.

CHINA

Through the first gray light of dawn I can see the Chinese seal emblazoned on a post as we cross the border. It is obvious that there is no such comprehensive defense structure here as there had been on the Soviet-Mongolian frontier. We see only a couple of guards, a watchtower, and a barbed wire fence.

Er Lien lies just across the border; it is here we stop for Chinese customs. Our apprehension over meeting our first Chinese officials is groundless. Although intrigued by the coins and Russian medals I had purchased in countries visited so far, they nevertheless provide me with the red-seal stamped certificate I need to take them out of China. We exchange a few pleasantries and then are told we can get off the train and exchange money in the Er Lien Station. Martial style music is playing and all the signs are in Chinese characters or Pin Yin. At last, we have arrived in the Middle Kingdom.

We will be in Er Lien about two hours, the time required to change the wheels on the cars from wide to normal gauge. There is a surprise when we exchange currency. For our American dollars we do not get the expected renminbi, but instead receive Bank of China foreign exchange certificates. We can spend these like money in most locations and often get the regular money in return. It is also permissible to take these notes out of the country. The denominations seen include 10 fen, 50 fen, 1 yuan, 10 yuan and 50 yuan. The latter is a new denomination for modern China. We are told the new currency was first issued to foreigners on April 1 (1980). It is also interesting to note that the exchange rate is one percent higher for travelers checks than for greenbacks.

Foregoing our unappetizing Mongolian boxed breakfasts prepared

the previous evening, we dine on ham, fried eggs and orange pop in the Chinese dining car. We continue our journey through the Gobi to Datong, our first overnight stay. Passing through many interesting walled mud-hut villages, we arrive at Datong shortly after noon.

We are met at the station by our Chinese guide and a group of young female high school students who help us off-load our luggage. As we travel through Datong en route to the hotel, our first look at a Chinese city is revealing. Many of the streets are wide, but there is virtually no motorized transport. We see mainly bicycles and donkey carts.

Our room is spartan, but we at least have a private bath, although hot water is available only sporadically. Our meal is typically Chinese and family style. We have many dishes—some familiar, some not. It is adequate.

In the afternoon we are given a city tour that includes a visit to the bank, our first stop. It is here that our first curious crowds are encountered. Apparently, Datong does not yet attract huge numbers of foreign visitors. At least 200 locals crowd around the bus and then stare into the windows of the bank as we exchange currency.

Dropped in the center of town, known as the "free market" area, we are given an hour and a half to roam at will. As we leave the bus, it's like stepping from a time capsule into an environment at least fifty years in the past. There are small shops and peddlers of every description. We are surprised at this contradiction of Socialist dogma, but apparently Chinese people are permitted to operate very small enterprises for personal profit by paying a small tax to the government each day. We saw similar freedom in Poland, but not in the USSR. We learn, however, that about eighty percent of China's millions live on communes, while the rest make up the factory workers, cooperatives, government bureaucracy and the private enterprise sector.

While strolling down the dusty street,



Crowd watches Polaroid picture-taking process, Datong, China.

we are the continuing objects of unabated curiosity. This will manifest itself many fold when we take our first Polaroid picture and hand it to the amazed subject. There is literally a stampede and crush of bodies to see the wonderous process. We pass out a few more photos and then step into a side street to alleviate the traffic jam which has piled up behind us. One of our Chinese guides urges us onto the bus a little early to prevent a further mob scene. A brief stop at a large department store concludes the afternoon's activities.

Supper is much like lunch, with one important addition—Tsing Tao Beer. This touch provides an enjoyable ending to what has been a long and exhausting day.

Soft-boiled eggs for breakfast start the new day on a satisfactory note. Our first destination is the Yun Kang cave complex a few miles outside of town. The normally forty-minute trip takes eighty minutes. The road is under construction and the panorama before us could surpass any Cecil B. DeMille production. There are hundreds of donkey carts either aiding in the construction or transporting coal from the nearby mines. Thousands of "volunteer" college students shovel mounds of rock and yellow soil. The 85 caves are impressive, with nearly 51,000 Buddhist images still preserved in them. It is much too much to absorb in such a short time.



Current Chinese currency.



An afternoon visit to a local commune is quite enlightening. The average income is the equivalent of about one U.S. dollar per day. But the people all have the basic necessities of life, which is a far cry from a generation ago.

In the evening, we dine at the Phoenix Restaurant, Datong's most famous. It dates back more than 500 years and is enshrined in local fable. There are a multitude of exotic dishes, including fungus soup and 1000-year-old duck eggs. We drink innumerable toasts with a variety of beverages which include the powerful Mao Tai. We sleep a bit better tonight; the late evening cymbal clanging abates a bit earlier and the morning loudspeakers start a bit later, about 5 a.m.

Another day of sightseeing begins with a most edible breakfast of fried eggs. I am also pleasantly surprised at the quality of the coffee here, the best on the trip thus far. Our first destination is the steam locomotive plant, the last such factory in the world. In amazed awe we watch the workers construct a steam locomotive from scrap iron to finished product. The blast furnaces and red hot ingots are manipulated with amazing dexterity, but signs of safety measures are few. The engines are produced at a cost of 200,000 Chinese yuan and sold for 270,000 yuan, about 182,000 U.S. dollars. At the end of our tour we are given a short ride on their newest locomotive. One of our group, a former engineer, is allowed to take the controls part of the time.

We next visit the factory kindergarten where children from two and a half to six years are cared for. It is an excellent school teaching discipline, the arts, sports, Chinese characters, Pin Yin, and mathematics. They put on a delightful skit for us. The cost to the parents is ten yuan per child per month. This is not a small tuition fee when one considers that the monthly wage per worker averages 43 yuan.

Following supper there is a visit to a local variety theater. It is another experience out of the past. The show is most entertaining and the audience as well. The theater is a bit run down and many people waft fans to circulate the air. There is one particularly interesting skit involving the shooting down of an enemy aircraft. The intimation is not lost on the Japanese tour group behind us, and they sit immobile without response at the end of the skit. Later, upon returning to the hotel, we watch a local militia unit drilling in the street. Hoes and pitchforks serve as make-believe weapons.

In the morning we visit a local pottery factory. Started as a neighborhood enterprise only seven years ago by six miners' wives, it now has over 300 employees and produces more than a million pieces of pottery a year. It is a cooperative which means the employees keep the earnings after taxes are paid to the government. By doing piecework, they can make as much as 68 yuan per month—almost 50 dollars.

Next we visit the carpet factory where the rugs are still woven with hand looms. Employees are primarily young girls and they delight in the photographs we give them.

This afternoon we rest up and repack. Later in the evening, as we await our train for Beijing, our female guide, Mrs. Wang, provides us a few details of her personal background. Her husband is a soldier stationed in Tibet. It is a five-year tour and he will get leave to come home only twice in that time. It takes 17 days each way by train. The two-month leave he twice receives will be more than half eaten up by travel to and from Datong. Their three-year-old daughter has seen her father only once.

The train is again clean and well cared for. Our compartment has several genteel touches including a cactus flower on the table. We arrive in Beijing early in the morning. By 7:30 we are on our way to the hotel. The "Chien Wen" (Front Gate) is pretty much centrally located, and the rooms are each provided with a private bath.

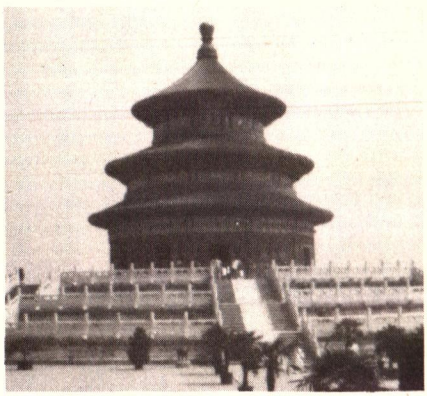
With only two nights in Beijing, there



is much to see and little time to see it. Immediately after breakfast we depart for the Temple of Heaven—an edifice often depicted on Chinese paper money of the 1930s and 40s. Though the day is uncomfortably hot and humid, we enjoy the new sights. Beijing is totally different than Datong. There is more motorized transport, no horse carts, and, in appearance, it is a city fifty years more modern. By early afternoon the heat has become more oppressive, and enjoyment of our visit to the Forbidden City is tempered by it. The ice-cold Coke we are provided with at the end of the tour is most refreshing.

No visit to China's capital can be complete without a Peking duck dinner. Therefore, one is planned for the evening. We dine at the "Sick Duck" Restaurant, so-called because of its close proximity to the hospital. The meal is memorable. There are two kinds of duck soup and a large variety of duck-associated dishes in addition to the entree of roast duck. Spirits include beer, sweet wine and Mao Tai. Our glasses are never empty and we drink many toasts.

During the day, at my request, Mr. Jin, our guide, has contacted the Bank of China concerning Chinese gold coins as well as U.S. trade dollars and other foreign coins still held in the vaults. It turns out that the gold coins are expensive and available for less in the United States. I am also informed that no decision on pricing the other coins has yet been undertaken.



Temple of Heaven, Beijing.

Our last full day in Beijing is a busy one. We first see the Ming Tombs which were discovered only in 1956. The small local museum displays many artifacts of the precious metals and stones recovered there. For me, most interesting are the large gold cash presentation pieces and silver sycee of Emperor Wan Li (1573-1620). I do not know of any published information on these pieces. Unfortunately, no photography is permitted, so only notes are taken. Many other known tombs in the area remain unopened. It is a long-term project, which, when ultimately completed, will yield a vast

new treasure trove of knowledge concerning Chinese numismatics.

Our visit to the Great Wall in the afternoon affords us our first opportunity to purchase Chinese coins. As we climb the wall on the left to the uppermost tower, we are approached by young boys with handfuls of early coins which include various Sung, Ming and Ch'ing pieces. There is nothing rare, but some are on the scarce side. The boys find them in various diggings or on newly plowed farm land and offer them to tourists for a few cents each. The snake-like meandering wall is truly a world wonder stretching infinitely into the horizon on both sides of us. Seeing it and climbing on it are experiences we will not soon forget. We have time to visit several of the little souvenir and curio stands in the area before departure, some of which have coins. Unfortunately, many of the earlier pieces are counterfeit and the later ones too expensive for the most part.

During the return trip to Beijing I mention to our guide that I had seen no





Ruthie stands atop the Great Wall of China.

Mao buttons in China. He stated that most households had a few of them, but that they weren't on sale anymore. He went on to say that people now realized Mao had made numerous mistakes, especially in the economic areas.

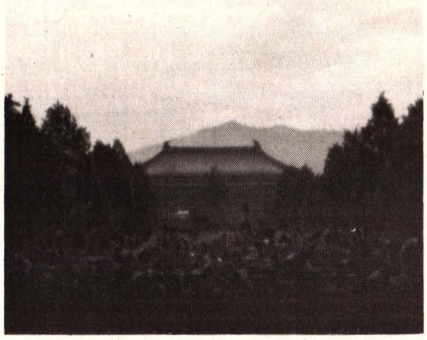
A notice in the hotel lobby invites foreigners to the International Club for disco music and drinks at ten yuan a head. Five of us go. The club itself is impressive and has been open only a month. There are relatively few customers in attendance, however. The manager sits at our table for awhile to get our impression of the operation. It is apparently a new type of venture for this regime, and the staff appears eager for helpful suggestions from the patronage. One of the club's more interesting sidelights is that the female employees, even the bartender, also double as dancing partners.

We have the impression that many aspects of China are changing. In addition to liberalization in the private commerce sector, popular consumer goods are very much in evidence. The people appear well fed and happy, and there is a considerable variety in dress. Mao jackets are seen less frequently and, best of all, many Chinese women now wear dresses instead of the baggy tunics and trousers.

The next day our remaining hours in Beijing are spent sightseeing. We first see the impressive Summer Palace with its huge Kunming Lake. After a stroll and lunch, we take a boat ride, followed by a short stop at the zoo to see the pandas.

During the night, our train surges far south of Beijing, and we notice at breakfast that the predominant crop is now rice, with water buffalo the primary draft animal.

Our hotel in Nanjing is small but comfortable, and we have a modern bathroom with a ready supply of hot water. Almost immediately we notice that Nanjing also has its own special character. The pace is slower, the people more friendly, and the city



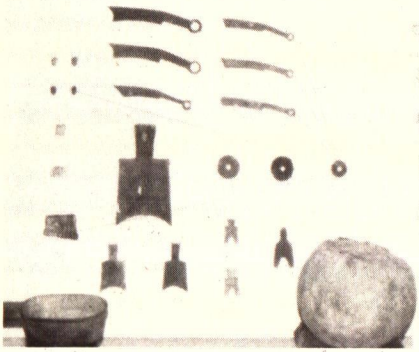
Nanjing Museum.

itself more spacious and beautiful. The sycamores that line the avenues not only beautify the city, but also shade and cool it during the fierce summer season. Although rickshaws have disappeared from China proper, pedicabs, as a form of transportation, are still much in evidence here.

The afternoon is spent on a short city tour which includes a visit to the Main Gate with its adjacent caves and the moat that surrounds the 500-year-old complex. Bitter fighting took place at this spot during World War II between Chinese and Japanese forces, which was immediately followed by the infamous "Rape of Nanking."

Before dinner, we visit an antique store where a piece of early jade is acquired. There are also quite a few Ch'ing Dynasty amulets for sale, but we consider them too expensive. Most of the official government antique outlets we visit have a selection of these amulets, but none so far have coins. Apparently the word we had received in Beijing is universally applied in China; the government it is not willing or ready as yet to price and market its holdings of early coins.

The next morning most of the others in our group are off to see a monastery, while Ruthie and I make private arrangements to see the museum. It is a most enjoyable morning; almost every room affords us a display or two of coins to study. Numerous specimens of knife



Display of early Chinese money, Nanjing Museum.

money and hollow-handled spades are portrayed. In addition, there are coins of Emperor Shih Huang-ti, who unified China and built the Great Wall. Of particular interest are some square gold coins known as "Ying Yuan" from the State of Ch'u, 5th-3rd centuries B.C. I have not seen information on these published in any Western source. T'ai P'ing Rebellion coins and paper money are also well represented. A violent thunderstorm delays our departure, but affords us time to visit the museum's sales concession where three more specimens of antique jade are purchased. During our return to the hotel, we drive through one of Nanjing's beautiful parks and take time out to stop at the zoo and gawk at another pair of pandas.

After lunch we visit the tomb of Sun-Yat-Sen, a representation of which is also often depicted on many varieties of Chinese currency. The sight is impressive, and a strenuous climb is involved for one who wants to see it all.

Our next stop, the "Beamless Temple," is more interesting by what it does not depict than by what is actually seen. The temple is empty; its two Buddhas destroyed during the "Cultural Revolution." Our local guide describes that period during the sixties and early seventies as "ten years of catastrophe which did irreparable harm to the



Illustration of Huang-Di, first Emperor of unified China and money system, Nanjing Museum.



Panda at the Nanjing Zoo.

Chinese people."

Leaving the temple, we see the fairyland "Nine-story" Pagoda. There is another taxing climb which pays off in a breathtakingly beautiful view from the top.

Our final morning in Nanjing is spent visiting the monolithic Yangtze River Bridge and taking a boat ride on the river itself. The vignettes of Chinese river life are most interesting; we see several sailed junks.

En route to Shanghai, our next overnight destination, we pass through Soochow, known as China's second

most beautiful city. We see a collage of scenes featuring canals and bridges of picture postcard beauty.

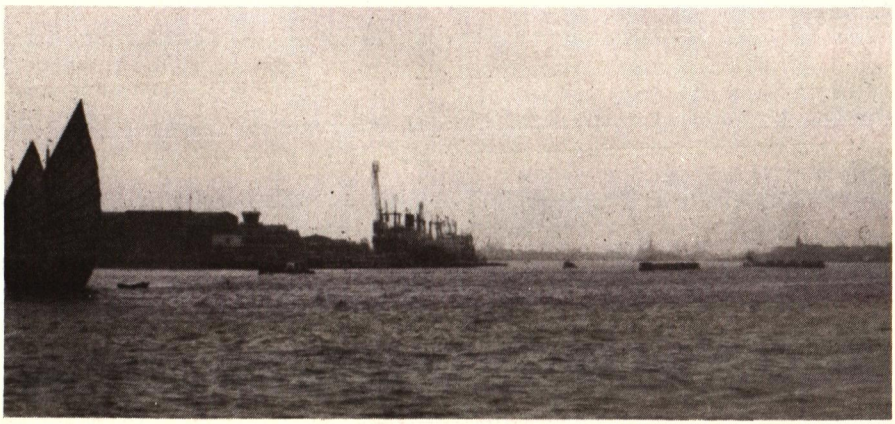
Shanghai! With eleven million people, it is the world's largest city. Our hotel is the Cathay Mansion built in 1929 and now known as the Jing Jiang. Our room with its high ceilings, built in bookshelves, tile bath and walk-in closet, is the most opulent in which we have stayed. I am sure many interesting ghosts haunt this relic of the British Imperial age.

We begin the following morning by visiting the Jade Buddha Temple with its two spectacular carved jade Buddhas transported from Burma more than 200 years ago. The Mandarin Garden is next with its six acres of esthetically placed ponds, rocks and flowers. It was originally constructed during the Ming Dynasty and is very photogenic.

Our final stop of the morning is the Shanghai Bund with its thriving Huangpu River waterfront. The sight is breathtaking and I quickly run out of film. We make arrangements for an afternoon river cruise and join the ship immediately after lunch. It turns out to be one of our most enjoyable afternoons. For three and a half hours we glide past colorful junks and sampans as well as ships from all parts of the world. The Chinese Navy is also very much in evidence as we pass submarines in their pens, missile-launching frigates and patrol craft, as well as many other types of military vessels. On shore there are many huge industrial complexes which we pass on our way to the junction of the Huangpu and the Yangtze. On board, we have a deck chair and a cabin to relax in; refreshments are frequently served. I take Polaroid shots of our serving girls and one of the ship's officers who said he was the captain. Shanghai's Bank of China building serves as the backdrop when we dock at the pier. This is yet another popular vignette often depicted on Chinese paper money of the 1930s.

July Fourth, Independence Day! It turns out to be rather low key as many of the group are under the weather. Lunch is memorable for its lack of palatability. We see the usual dish of duck bones with gravy and a little skin. There is also fatty pork with noodles, jellied gourde and a dish we discover later is yellow snake. I settle for two bites of bony fish and a bowl of rice. Most of us long for "American-style" food, but we in no way fault the Chinese who have made a supreme effort to provide us with a great variety of locally popular dishes.

Visits after lunch to the Peoples Bank of China and to the Shanghai Museum prove unproductive in our efforts to seek out Chinese coins. A visit to the



Huangpu River, Shanghai.





View of Shanghai, Bank of China behind Ruthie.

Friendship Store provides us with a copy of the "Asian Wall Street Journal." It is the first English language Western newspaper we have seen since Warsaw, and its news is avidly devoured.

The train departs for Nanchang at 7 p.m. Our Fourth of July party aboard turns out to be rather mild. Sleep is fitful, and although we are able to open the windows this time, the air does not circulate much and the heat is stifling.

We are housed in the Jiang-xi Provincial Guest House which is Nanchang's only "hotel." Although our room has a private bath, everything else is a bit spartan. There is one sheet on the bed and a plentiful supply of ants crawling around the room.

I pass on the scheduled arts and crafts tour this afternoon and seek out the Jiang-xi Provincial Museum. There are many recently unearthed ancient relics there but no coins. It is also strange that none of the items on display are indicated as having been discovered before 1956.

One of our group has managed to purchase some fireworks in the local market, so a somewhat belated Fourth of July celebration takes place on the guest house grounds. Today is the fifth in China, but still the Fourth in the U.S.A.

We have supper in a very dirty local restaurant which is touted as one of Nanchang's finest. A surprise dish is crocodile.

Nanchang has a long revolutionary history and was the focal point of the August 1, 1927, Communist uprising led by Chou En-lai. It is a hard city without the easy going friendly attitude of Nanjing or the sophistication of Shanghai or Beijing. Our stay here will be a bit too long.

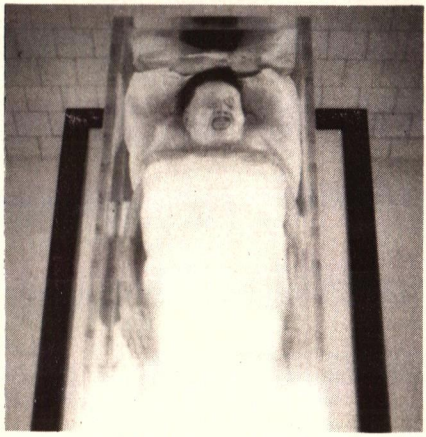
There is a steady monsoon-type rain as we depart on our morning's visit to a local village commune forty minutes away. Following our arrival, there is the

usual tea and briefing plus a large peeled "pear melon" for each of us. The melon, locally grown, has the taste and consistency of a somewhat sweet cucumber. The commune is a network of small diversified factories and farmlands. The average pay is 35 yuan per month, well under a dollar a day. However, basic necessities are provided free of charge. Factory work is varied and includes painting, embroidery, and treadle machine sewing. Ceramic-coated metalware is also produced. We are told that while some of the machinery has been produced elsewhere, other pieces have been fabricated at the site. It is easy to see that the Chinese are very resourceful and that communal factories could just as easily be converted to arms production. The strategic importance of this concept is obvious should major industrial complexes be neutralized in a nuclear war.

After a most enjoyable and varied lunch, we visit a beautiful temple built during the Ming Dynasty. Today it houses a variety of scrolls and paintings by a noted Chinese artist of the period. Previously, the temple had contained a number of Buddhas, but all had been destroyed during the Cultural Revolution. The magnitude of the destruction and havoc caused by this disruption can only be imagined. References to cultural losses are made to us daily, and it is obvious that a significant segment of China's heritage was lost during the rampages which took place.

Again, there are no coins in the government-run antique store, but we salvage the visit by purchasing a couple of 118-year-old wine cups at a reasonable price.

It is with relief that we take our leave of Nanchang. It is the most drab and uninteresting Chinese city in which we have stayed. As we board the train for Changsha, the weather is virtually unbearable. The temperature in our compartment is 96 degrees with humidity to match. We find some relief by playing bridge in the dining car for two hours. The inedible supper is followed by another three hours of enervating heat and humidity.

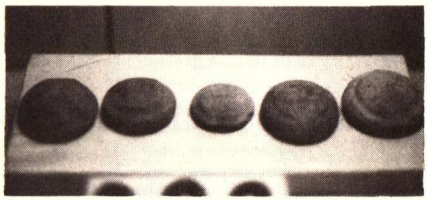


2000-year-old woman, Changsha Museum.

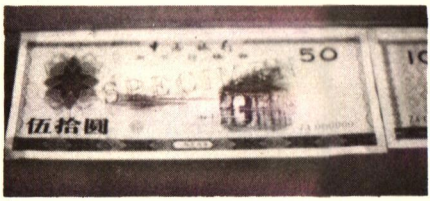
Finally, we debark at the Changsha station. We are pleasantly surprised by our accommodations. The hotel, built in 1977, is air-conditioned and well-appointed. It is the first time during our stay in China that we have had TV in the room. A Chinese opera is in progress on the one channel. It signs off at 10:30 p.m. Private ownership of TV sets is a new phenomena in China. A small black and white set sells for 418 yuan, a year's pay for many Chinese. Still we talk to several who are saving for one out of their meager wages.

In the morning we visit an embroidery factory, and then a Buddhist shrine atop a nearby mountain. There is a beautiful vista, and the river scene below, with its profusion of sampans and sailed junks, is out of a storybook.

Our afternoon visit to the Hunan Provincial Museum is extremely interesting. On display are numerous Han Dynasty relics recently excavated from nearby tombs. One of the highlights is the remarkably well-preserved body of a 2000-year-old woman seen along with day to day creature comforts, food, and various



Han Dynasty Burial Money, Changsha Museum.



Specimen note glued to showcase in curio shop, Changsha Museum.

implements utilized in that time and lifestyle. Of a more personal and professional interest are pieces of clay pottery burial money symbolizing bronze pan liangs, silver sycee and gold bars. It is possible that these twenty-century-old facsimiles of circulating money are the precursors of the so-called "hell bank notes" burned at many modern day Chinese funerals.

Of more modern numismatic interest in the museum's curio concession are some "specimen" examples of the new foreign exchange certificates. There are representations of five denominations glued to the underside of a glass display counter. Each is overprinted with the word "specimen" in English or the same word represented by Chinese characters. All serial numbers are zeros only. My attempt to purchase them is unsuccessful, and I am unable to find similar notes any place else in China.

Following breakfast in the morning I take a long walk from the hotel to the Xiang Jiang "River" to take in the atmosphere of the city. There are many typical scenes of Chinese city life which I've neglected to photograph in the past and I now take movies of them. Near the bridge a woman approaches and takes a large menacing snake out of a cloth bag and drapes it around her neck. After taking a few frames we engage in a dialogue of broken Chinese. This elicits a large crowd, some of whom join in the conversation with a few words of English. I finally break away to photograph the river junks and sampans and then stroll through the market area nearby. There is no doubt that the free market system is being aggressively pursued in China. Our guides have told us that no activity of this type was permitted until a very recent liberalization of laws governing free enterprise. Today, I also see three beggars—a surprise. Classless China is changing rapidly. With almost a billion people, China has targeted birth control as a very high priority. "One is best; two is most" is the popular slogan. Government benefits are significantly reduced for families that have more than one or two children.

Our final night on the train is again hot and stifling. With an outside temperature of 100 degrees, we are most gratified that our Guangzhou (Canton) hotel room is air conditioned. Our only tour here is one to the old foreign concession. It is now extremely run down and we find the activity along the nearby Pearl River much more interesting. During our stop at the Friendship Store we are amazed to see several crates containing television sets which have the words "MADE IN TAIWAN" stenciled across them. According to our guides, there is some limited direct trade between the two long-time antagonists. One has the hope that their differences can still be settled peacefully.

The enervating tropical weather precludes much in the way of further outdoor activity here. We retire early our last night in China.

Our guides, Mr. Jin and Mr. Yang, see us off the next morning. Our relationship with them has been most cordial and friendly throughout our China tour, and they have been most helpful in our numismatic quests.

Customs formalities at the station are no problem and the friendly border officials wish us bon voyage. We are permitted to keep an assortment of Chinese coins and paper money taken from circulation.

The train to Hong Kong is a show piece. It is ultra-modern, air conditioned, and is even equipped with color television. Within three hours we have once again crossed into the Free World. The New Territories fly by swiftly. Our 9300-mile adventure on the "Middle Kingdom Express" has come to an end. After a short bout with British customs, we are on our way to the Lee Gardens, our hotel on Victoria Island.

The skies are heavy with thick clouds and the wind is picking up. A sign in our hotel lobby reads, "Typhoon Signal #1 is Now Hoisted." As time goes on, we find that "Ida" never quite reaches typhoon proportions, but we are subjected to some rather heavy rain and wind.

During the next two days we visit some of our old numismatic haunts, but in many cases we are disappointed. Just off Nathan Road, on the Kowloon side, Yan Kee and the Money Company are both closed, possibly because of the continuing torrential downpours. Some of the money changers along the street offer Chinese 30th Anniversary gold commemorative sets at least $300.00 cheaper than we have seen them anywhere else in the world. A visit, on our final day, to the old thieves market on Victoria Island is also disappointing. Variously known as Ladder Street, Cat Street and Morlo Gai, the area is shrinking in size to make way for urban renewal, and much of the merchandise still being offered is not worth a second look. King Fook, the antique dealer with whom I have done business for many years, has disappeared. His curio shop has been torn down to make way for yet another skyscraper. The growth rate and the amount of new construction in Hong Kong is unbelievable. It has changed the face of the city during the past several years. In many ways it is like losing an old friend. However, some familiar institutions remain—the Star Ferry, Peninsula Hotel and a few others.

HOME SWEET HOME

Suddenly, the odyssey is over. After a sumptuous buffet lunch in the hotel, it is time to bid farewell to our compatriots of the past six weeks. It is still raining as we depart Kai Tek Airport for London. Our Singapore Airlines flight is long but pleasant. The weather is surprisingly comfortable during our brief stop over in Singapore. Despite being only a few miles north of the equator, the temperature is about 82 degrees. There is one more stop en route, that being at Dubai on the Arabian Peninsula. We land at 2 a.m. and the extremely hot, humid air is almost choking. The gold bazaars inside the terminal are open despite the hour, however, and our layover time passes swiftly. There are quite a number of gold coins for sale from around the world, and although the prices are not unreasonable, there are no bargains.

London is unchanged. The weather is as cold and rainy as when we left. We have returned just in time for two days of auctions at Sotheby's where a number of satisfactory coin purchases are made. Everything else now is anti-climactic and we are anxious to return home.

There is one more uneventful flight, the tedium of which is broken when we pass over the southern tip of Greenland and are treated to a view of hundreds of icebergs streaming out of the island's numerous fjords.

Everything at home is pretty much as we had left it, except that T'ai, our cat, had died suddenly a few days before our return. With the ANA convention just a few days away, we are rushed back into the reality of business as usual, but we look forward to sharing with friends our numismatic searches behind the Iron Curtain and know that we will long remember our journey on the Central Kingdom Express, the world's longest train ride.

COLLECTOR

A Hobby of Love

by Larry Gentile, Jr., JA 90791

I started collecting coins as a hobby when I was ten years old. What interested me most was watching my father look through all his change, pick out a few coins that interested him, and then put those coins in a special box. After a few days of searching for these special coins, my father went into the box, put the coins on the kitchen table and looked them over again, separated them, and then stored them in other small boxes.

Day after day he would do the same thing, and on weekends he would bring home rolls of pennies and nickels and look through them too. Occasionally, I would pick up a few coins, and look at them as if I were interested. My father often invited me to help him look through his coins, and I found that each time I helped I would spend more and more time with him. He told me that if I was interested in coin collecting he would give me an allowance so that each week I could go to the bank and buy a roll of pennies and a roll of nickels to look through.

My father suggested that I set aside all coins with dates before 1960, and also all coins with an S Mint mark. Before long, I had my own little special box in which I had accumulated many pennies and nickels, and I began checking my parents' and relatives' change for coins I liked. For my birthdays I asked my family and friends for coin books, coin holders, a magnifying glass, and the privilege of looking through their pocket change and penny and nickel jars. Before I knew it, I was spending a great deal of time on my new hobby and a great deal of time with my dad.

We started buying pennies and nickels ten rolls at a time, and looking through them together. We bought a special cabinet for our coins, and plastic tubes to store them in. We dated each tube and separated all of our coins by year. Each week I faithfully made my trip to the bank for more rolls of pennies and nickels, and I was enjoying myself very much. My father advised me not to skip a single week, warning me that before long I would not be able to find any old coins.

When I was twelve years old I attended my first coin convention, the ANA anniversary convention in New York. I met Mrs. Florence Schook, chairman of the Young Numismatists Program, and she guided me to all the YN meetings

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and also encouraged me to serve as a convention page. With the money I made as a page I was able to buy some coins from dealers on the bourse floor.

The excitement of exhibiting became more and more attractive to me, and I began to look at my collection in terms of exhibiting it. My father told me that one of the first rules for exhibiting is that a collector can display only his own coins, ruling out the possibility of exhibiting our jointly owned pennies and nickels. My first exhibit was a medal series of wild animals of Africa, a gift I had received some time earlier. I quickly caught the exhibitor's fever, and developed exhibits of Federal Reserve banks and their $1 notes, foreign paper money, wooden nickels, transportation tokens, and all the coins I had acquired at various ANA conventions. I also worked hard on the Roman Coin Project and earned a total of nine coins which I prepared for exhibit.

Soon after joining the White Plains Coin Club, members selected me as the club's junior representative, and with other members of the club I prepared exhibits at several local banks in recognition of National Coin Week. Our whole household seemed to revolve around numismatics. My father was appointed head of the Young Numismatists Program in New York, and I was always ready to help him either as youth chairman or assistant chairman. The wall in our den at home, reserved for exhibit awards won by both me and my father, has become covered from top to bottom. In addition to these awards, many of my best rewards have been helping friends get started as collectors and meeting new friends. It's easy for me to say that some of the most wonderful people I have met have been numismatists, and I think that coin collectors are just about the nicest and friendliest people anywhere.

My advice to all junior collectors is to never give up, and if you have questions, don't be afraid to ask for answers. With few exceptions, almost all adult collectors out there are always willing to share advice and other help. Join a local coin club, get involved, and, most of all, enjoy what you are doing; the rewards are great in the end.

A busy and devoted numismatist, **LARRY GENTILE** is well recognized for his efforts and contributions to the Young Numismatists Program. To date, he has won more than 53 exhibit awards and was named the Outstanding Young Numismatist of the Year at the ANA 90th Anniversary Convention in New Orleans. One of his numismatic goals is to keep active in programs for young collectors, and he looks forward to the day when he will be able to serve junior collectors as a Young Numismatists chairman.

An Approach to Exhibiting

by Julie Bascou

Christmas Morning 1975 brought me what I considered some interesting and unusual gifts from my father. My first package contained 100 different foreign banknotes, several from countries I had never even heard of. The designs were strangely beautiful and colorful, but I was unable to determine which countries most of the banknotes came from.

I quickly learned, as I opened my next present, that I was about to get a history lesson. Here was a large, thick book that cataloged world banknotes. I also received 100 different foreign coins, and, you guessed it, another thick catalog. My instructions were to study my books and inventory my newly formed collection.

The weeks went by and my inventory was completed. What I learned from this experience laid the foundation for my becoming a young numismatist. In addition, my collection began to grow in both United States and foreign material.

I soon began attending coin shows with my parents and always stopped to view the exhibits. At first, I merely looked at the different types of coins or paper money and the trophies or plaques that were awarded the exhibitors. But soon I began studying the exhibits and actually reading the printed information that accompanied them. The various histories behind these exhibits were fascinating.

I decided that it was time to put together my first exhibit, and in November 1976 I entered my display at a local coin show. I had completed what I thought was a nice exhibit; as awards went, however, I struck out. So I decided to take notes on the award winners and see where I might improve. The key to a good exhibit seemed to be the printed material and history or reason for the display.

After viewing several top exhibits, I have now settled on a style. My first goal is always to establish the "why," or introduction to my display. Eye appeal and condition of material are also important. For eye appeal, I use a felt or velvet backboard which I drop into the display case. My title is usually composed of raised plastic letters glued to colored cardboard. I then type the display's numismatic information on color coordinated paper. I try to make the information complete but not too lengthy to lose the message and the reader's interest. Finally, I arrange the case, using supplementary photographs.

Regardless of the physical presentation of material, a display's numismatic information and the research behind it are still what create a top exhibit. Many books, pamphlets and magazines I have found, are good sources for research, and often the articles or pictures are free. For instance, information or articles may be obtained at various coin shows or from dealers and fellow collectors.

Other primary sources are the various numismatic publications and the ANA. I have found them all to be very cooperative and informative.

One exciting source that I discovered when building a new exhibit was the Consul General's Office of the foreign country my exhibit covered. Lacking available historical material on the country, I decided to write the Consul General's Office. I asked for specific information and explained my exhibit. Within a month I received two very large envelopes containing everything I needed—photographs, pamphlets galore, and an abundance of travel information. I not only gained a knowledge of the country, but the history needed for my exhibit. Much of this knowledge was put into my display to share with my fellow collectors and viewers.

And this is really what exhibiting is all about: sharing knowledge. The competition is exciting, and research and ingenuity also lead to those trophies and plaques that I mentioned earler. Besides, exhibits are fun.

So at your next coin show, stop by and visit the displays. I think you'll find them interesting and informative.

In 1979, when this paper was submitted for publication, **JULIE BASCOU**, then a 16-year-old high school student, had been an active numismatist since age 13. Her interest in the hobby includes membership in the Conejo Valley (California) Coin Club, where she has participated as acting secretary and frequent speaker. An active junior exhibitor, Julie has received numerous Best of Show awards for her exhibits in southern California shows.

Coins Without Collectors

by Kate Florey

Too many people think of coins as an investment rather than a hobby. Of all the coins that are sold each year, only a small percentage are sold to collectors. Certain rare coins have gone up 500 percent since 1979, bringing huge profits for anyone fortunate enough to have invested in them. Silver, which has been gradually going down in value, is still up from its 1978 and 1979 levels. These price increases bring more business to dealers, since many people want to sell their coins, and an equally large number of people want to invest in them.

But these price increases have also made actual *collectors* of coins turn to other, less expensive hobbies. The ones that have remained coin collectors have had to be satisfied with fairly common coins or those in low conditions. Few collectors can afford to buy, for example, Barber coins in MS-65 or even MS-60. Proof coins of the nineteenth century have become almost impossible to get; even if collectors could afford them, they are all locked way in the safety deposit boxes of investors.

It wouldn't be so bad if everyone investing in coins would buy them not only as an investment, but also

as a hobby. Just because investors will sell their coins in a few years, there is no reason why they can't study and enjoy the coins while they have them.

Another thing that has happened is that the difference in price between AU and MS-60 coins, and between MS-60 and MS-65 coins, has become enormous. It is not unusual for an MS-65 coin to sell for twenty times as much as an MS-60 coin. Many collectors who want MS-65 coins find that they can afford only MS-60 or AU coins.

There are so many people investing in coins that the term "coin collector" is often used to mean an investor. It is amazing the number of times coin books say things about the coins "collectors" should buy to make the most money, the coins "collectors" shouldn't buy, and how a "collector" should sell his or her collection.

More and more coins are becoming too expensive to collect in a series. Coin folders and albums are no longer made for large cents, half dimes, seated coins, and many others. There was never much demand for these coins in circulated condition anyway, and now that many collectors are turning to other hobbies and cheaper coins, there's just no reason to make them.

Since investors are interested mainly in uncirculated coins, many collectors are ashamed of having coins in About Uncirculated or worse. Since the price of uncirculated coins is more than most collectors can afford, this also helps to turn them away from coins.

Rarely do you find any coins in circulation besides clad coins, memorial cents, and modern Jeffersons. Coins have been going up in value so much lately that the older coins have been taken out of circulation. One result of this is that there are no worn coins in circulation. A handful of change contains nothing but bright, shiny new coins. Since collecting coins from circulation is very popular, this makes collectors who enjoy finding older coins in circulation start collecting stamps for example; it is easy to find beautiful, interesting, and in some cases valuable stamps on letters. The coin section of a book published in 1977 was meant to encourage new collectors and states that there are three kinds of halves in circulation: Kennedy, Franklin, and Walking Liberty halves. Franklins and Walking Liberties?

There are still some coins left for collectors. Collectors may have to be satisfied with coins in lower and lower conditions, but there will always be some interesting and low-priced coins available.

If someday most investors, for some reason, turn away from coin investing, the investors left would have to depend on collector demand to send prices up. If all the collectors are priced out of the hobby, there won't be enough demand for their coins for prices to go up. If that happened, coin prices would stay the same or go down. If investors would only realize that, the hobby would be a lot better off.

Sixth grader **KATE FLOREY** is truly an exceptional young numismatist. One of the few young collectors whose outstanding numismatic work has invited membership in the ANA before age eleven, Kate has avidly pursued the hobby for the past four years. An outstanding writer for her age, Kate has been reading since she was two and writing stories since she could physically form the letters. In addition to her numismatic interests.

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THE ROMAN COIN PROJECT

david r. cervin

Have you ever heard of an eleven-year-old who became so enamored with the Roman Coin Project that he completed the entire program before he turned twelve? Well, meet Nick Bizic, of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, still eleven and the youngest participant in the RCP to earn all eight coins.

You may be inclined to say "Well, doing it at that age and in such a short time—slightly under six months—the quality of his work must have suffered. No one at any age can achieve this accomplishment in such a short time and not sacrifice something in the line of quality." Right? Wrong! In spite of age and time handicaps, Nick has achieved a result that just has to rank well with the best of his predecessors. Keep in mind that there is presently no yardstick for measuring these productions, and none is contemplated. But Nick did such a nice job that some description of it here may serve as a model, and possibly an inspiration, for others to follow.

First of all, Nick was careful to save every item, every bit of correspondence connected with the RCP. These he assembled in sort of a chronological order in a notebook. Then he divided his collection into chapters roughly corresponding to coins that he had earned.

Let us just examine Chapter 7. The heading is: Getting Ready for Coin No. 7. This chapter starts off with a letter to me telling of his excitement over his first six coins and his intention to now earn No. 7. The letter concluded with: "Thanks again for the coins. My father says you opened up a whole new world for me with them."

After writing this letter, Nick and his family went to Cincinnati to attend the ANA convention. Nick must have kept a good record of his convention experiences, because he wrote them up in a very attractive fashion and sent the finished article to Margo Russell, editor of *Coin World*. Preceding his description of his exciting events at the convention, he outlined how he got started collecting coins, what the RCP can do for juniors, and then made suggestions for juniors about how to collect coins.

Coin World published it in their September 2 issue. This earned for Nick coin No. 7—at least 500 words in a national publication. Remember, Nick is only 11 and got nearly a full page published in numismatic's oldest continuously published weekly. What can be more satisfying and exciting than that at any age?

Since ancient coins are earned in the RCP, Nick earned a Byzantine coin struck by John I, A.D. 969-976 for coin No. 7. This is no ordinary coin. It was the first bronze coin to carry the portrait of Christ. Though poorly struck and intensely weathered by centuries of wear and neglect, one can still distinguish the halo and cross identified with all coins picturing Jesus Christ. Also may be seen IC (Jesus) and DC (Christ). The reverse reads, when translated from the old Greek, Jesus/Christ/King/of Kings. (The diagonal slashes mean that the words are stacked one on top of the other, rather than appearing in a straight line.) All seventh coin earners receive this history-making coin.

Nick's notebook is loaded with colored pictures and numismatic-related information. And to make sure that all will be properly preserved, every sheet is covered, both sides, with transparent plastic protection. Further, the cover and several title sheets have been beautifully lettered with a shading pen.

Will preparing a scrapbook help you

in earning ancient coins and completing the program? Certainly not. But it increases the fun and gives you a permanent record of some of the finest times you will spend in your numismatic lifetime.

Is Nick going to be another Alexander the Great—brooding because there are no worlds left to conquer? Not on your life! Young Nick is starting on the Roman denarius program, first mentioned in the November, 1981 issue of *The Numismatist*. In a nutshell, an article on ancient numismatics, published in *SAN*, the official quarterly for the Society for Ancient Numismatics will earn a fine silver denarius for the writer. To be eligible one must be a member or graduate of the RCP.

Are these denarii worth receiving? Their values will average from $35 to $45. Additionally, one receives about one hundred dollars worth of satisfaction. Yes, for juniors the Roman Coin Project has no match.

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NUMISMATIC NOSTALGIA

q. david bowers

Why Do People Collect Coins?

Why do people collect coins? Since 1953, when I first became interested in coins, I have encountered tens of thousands of collectors in the course of running my business. I have learned that collectors come in all sizes, shapes and ages, with varying characteristics. Some are dedicated scholars, others are out and out speculators, some delve into the subject deeply, while still others could care less about research. Like the population of any community, "it takes all kinds"—so they say. Indeed, coin collecting and dealing would not be interesting if everyone had the same outlook and desired the same things.

Why do people collect coins? I have been asked this question many times, particularly by newspaper reporters, beginning collectors, and others who have not experienced the hobby first hand. Taking a leaf from the annals of psychology, sociology, and similar people-oriented disciplines, I thought it would be interesting to give composites based upon people I have observed over the years. The names of the following individuals are fictitious but are based upon people I have known.

Beverly Newington

Born in Lynn, Massachusetts in 1951, Beverly's parents were both teachers. So perhaps it was logical that following high school she went to a state teacher's school. Toward the end of her studies she found that elementary grades were of the greatest interest to her, so upon graduation she acquired a position as second grade teacher in the western part of her home state. In 1975, when she had been a teacher for just two or three years, she saw a notice in her local paper for a stamp and coin show to be held the following Sunday in the municipal auditorium. Beverly had never collected anything in her youth, but her father, who was interested in

birds, had once paid $500 for an original Audubon print and had paid lesser sums for a couple dozen other prints which in time decorated his den.

At the show she paid little attention to coins but instead visited with several stamp dealers. She was immediately fascinated by the wide variety of birds, buildings, ships, plants, and other motifs on stamps, and so she bought some beginners' packets. She would take some of them to school and give them to her children, she thought.

She did this, the children were delighted, and a few months later when another coin and stamp show was announced she made a beeline to it. This time she stayed more than just a few minutes. In fact, she spent all afternoon. One of the stamp dealers she visited also had some modern coins. She spied a Proof set of her birth year, 1951, and asked why such a small group of relatively recent coins was worth the price marked on its label, $130. The dealer explained how Proof sets were made by a special process and that 1951 was considered to be a rare date among issues of its era. "If you will hold this check till Tuesday, I will transfer some money into my checking account and will buy it," Beverly said. This arrangement was satisfactory, and after giving the dealer some references Beverly left the show with a 1951 Proof set and with a copy of *A Guide Book of United States Coins* which the seller had given her.

Thus ignited, the spark was fanned into a flame. The next weekend she went to a local coin shop and returned with circulated examples of an Indian cent, Liberty nickel, Morgan dollar, and quite a few other things. All of a sudden the pictures and descriptions in the *Guide Book* became more meaningful! It soon became apparent, however, that the field of numismatics is vast, and no one can collect everything, or even come close to it. So Beverly decided to specialize. Within the next two years she had obtained an Uncirculated or Proof example of every coin from 1951 to date with the exception of the 1955 Double Die Lincoln cent, of which she had a specimen in Extremely Fine grade. Then she decided to go back further than her birth year and and to complete various sets which she had started—Lincoln cents since 1934 (this seemed to be a logical cutoff between the older and more expensive issues and the inexpensive modern pieces), Jefferson nickels since 1938, Roosevelt dimes since 1946, Washington quarters since 1941 (the beginning date in the album which she purchased), and Franklin half dollars.

Today Beverly remains a collector, not intensely involved but quite interested. She buys copies of *Coins* magazine on the newsstand each month and, occasionally, picks up a copy of *Coin World* or *Numismatic News* at local shows. She has never ordered by mail because dealers in her area and at periodic coin and stamp shows, which she especially enjoys attending, have taken care of her budget. She continues to buy stamps for use in teaching and from time to time has shown portions of her growing coin collection to her students.

Leslie Welch

Following schooling at Phillips Exeter Academy, undergraduate work at Yale, and work leading up to an MBA at the Warton School, Leslie Welch joined the investment banking firm of Knisper & Windlaide of Philadelphia. Working hard, he rose through the ranks, and by the time he was 40 he was made a partner.

Being of an inquisitive turn of mind, Leslie found research concerning company earnings, future investment possibility, and the like to be fascinating. His contributions to his firm's monthly newsletter were the most widely read in that publication.

One day he saw a copy of *Coin World* on the desk of one of the stock brokers in his office. He asked to borrow it overnight. By eight o'clock that

evening he was "hooked." In front of him were all sorts of fascinating offers, claims of future profits and other enticements—quite a bit like the security market he was used to but fascinating in a different way. The next afternoon he visited a coin shop and bought a copy of the *Guide Book*. The same day he sent a subscription coupon to *Coin World*. Within a week he also subscribed to *Numismatic News* and sent his application into the American Numismatic Association.

Indian cents seemed to be particularly intriguing. The idea of collecting one of each date was appealing, and his purchase a week later of an 1877 in Fine grade gave him great pleasure.

A voracious reader, Leslie devoured everything he could find. He soon realized that if a Fine 1877 Indian cent was interesting, a Proof would be even nicer, and he eventually bought three Proof Indian cents of dates in the 1880s. When they arrived he was fascinated by the difference in coloration among them. One was a light golden color with highlights of brown, another was brownish-purple, and still another was brownish-purple on one side and gold and iridescent on the other. He telephoned me and we spent 45 minutes talking about the surface characteristics of Proofs, how hard different issues would be to find, what determines prices, and many other things. I particularly enjoyed our conversation for I realized that he had a deep scholarly interest in the subject and, in fact, was very knowledgable, although his collecting interest had just begun.

Following our conversation I went through my company's stock and picked out 17 additional Proof Indian cents of various dates and sent them on approval. Within a week I received a check for 14 of them; three were returned. Then I sent seven more, including Proofs of 1869, 1871, 1872, and 1877. Within a matter of days a check arrived for these as well.

Over the next month or two we talked on the telephone perhaps a half dozen times. Some of our conversations had nothing to do with purchases at all—Leslie had questions about things he read in numismatic books. His library had grown to include most everything on United States coinage currently in print. Still he stayed with his interest in Proof Indian cents. Earlier he talked of buying an Uncirculated 1864-L because a Proof seemed to be too expensive. (I mentioned one would cost about $10,000.) But as the set neared completion he asked, "Can you get me an 1864-L Proof?" I knew where one was in the hands of another dealer, ordered it for $11,000, added $1,500 profit, and sent it with a bill for $12,500, which was paid immediately. By that time Leslie's set was complete except for 1859, 1860, and 1863. Although these dates were offered several times, he wasn't able to find ones with surface coloration he liked. Finally these too were acquired.

"What about pattern Indian cents?" This question to me was followed by an approval shipment of three different issues of 1858, plus an off-metal striking of 1865, a piece struck in copper-nickel on a thin planchet. When he received these Leslie's enthusiasm was unbounded! He called and stated his objective of getting one each of as many different pattern small cents he could find from 1856 to 1896 (the last year for which patterns are generally obtainable). Within a year he had assembled perhaps half of the pattern varieties listed by Dr. Judd. After that point it was a slow process—a coin here, a coin there. Today he still lacks a number of pieces, but this is part of the challenge.

Somewhere along the line he found out about large cents. Money wasn't a problem, so he bought the best. Starting with one each of as many different Uncirculated cents of the Braided Hair type (1839-1857) as I could send him, he kept expanding his horizons until eventually he desired one coin of each major large cent type from 1793 on-

ward. Reality intervened as far as grades were concerned, so for dates prior to 1916 he set Extremely Fine to AU as his objectives. Later dates were acquired in MS-60 to MS-65 preservation. He joined the Early American Coppers Club and read *Penny Whimsy* from cover to cover. Soon he could identify by sight many of the important die varieties, particularly those with obvious characteristics.

Today Leslie is still working on his large cent collection, is still seeking a few pattern Indian cents he lacks, and is considering collecting copper coins of Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, or New Jersey or perhaps all of them.

Elizabeth Dorsten

Elizabeth's parents were both in the antique trade, and so from an early age she was steeped in the lore of small and precious art objects—paperweights, paintings, art glass, and the like. Each year her parents would travel in the spring to England and France to stock up for their summer trade. Elizabeth often went with them.

Following high school and three years of a planned four-year course of study at the Stony Brook (Long Island) campus of the State University of New York, Elizabeth decided to go into the antique business as a profession. Wanting to "do her own thing," she set up a store a couple of miles from her parents' shop in a suburb of New York City. From the outset she was successful, and within a few years she was traveling to Europe every two or three months to buy items for her clients. She became a prominent figure at New York auctions as well.

On a trip to London she visited Spink's with the intention of purchasing some antique silver, but while there she visited the coin department and came away with a half dozen varied pieces, mostly in inexpensive grades, illustrating different monarchs of the 18th and 19th centuries. This served as a beginning, and on her next trip she purchased a Proof Gothic crown of Queen Victoria, 1847, and an Extremely Fine 1658 Oliver Cromwell coin of the same denomination.

Her interest increased, and although coins were not a consuming passion, each year she would add a few pieces to her collection. I met her at the 1976 American Numismatic Association convention held in New York City. At that time she said her goal was to have one crown of every British ruler. But, she said, she was in no hurry to accomplish this goal as she just "dabbled" in coins and certainly could pass by anything that was not a reasonable price. Her main love was antique glass paperweights, she said. Since that time Elizabeth has ordered two or three coins by mail.

Edward Mills

The thing about Eddie Mills is that he is only 15 years old. And yet as a member of my class at a recent ANA summer seminar he made as many contributions as did older, seasoned collectors. He reads voraciously, has collected coins since the age of 11, and can quote headlines from the latest dealers ads in all of the leading numismatic publications and has at the tip of his tongue the bid and ask prices from last week's issue of *The Coin Dealer Newsletter*.

His favorite purchase was made at the seminar where he spent $40 at the the ANA book sale and bought more old auction catalogues and reference books than he could carry. The same day he bought for a "regular Uncirculated" price a beautiful prooflike Morgan dollar of a New Orleans Mint issue which normally is not found with that type of surface. "I can sell it for three times the price I paid as soon as I go back home and visit my coin club," he told me.

Eddie wants to be a coin dealer, and from all indications he will be a good

one. His outlook is quite idealistic and he can't understand why at the ANA summer seminars there was so much talk, particularly among students during meals and after class hours, about problems in the marketplace concerning grading, authenticity, and so on. In my own class when we talked about grading Eddie remarked that, "Anyone can grade a Morgan dollar. Why is there so much fuss?" But few people have the dedication and enthusiasm that Eddie has.

Hopefully he will become a dealer, and if he does he will be an excellent addition to the fraternity. In the meantime he continues to read as much as possible, to attend coin club meetings where he buys, sells, and trades; and to add to his collection of sharply-struck Jefferson nickels with full steps on the reverse.

Stanley Waldheim

Now, a successful surgeon in the Midwest, Stanley went to Dartmouth Medical School and then, following his internship, established a practice in the city where his grandparents had spent their lives.

His initiation into coin trading began in 1968 when he received a brochure from an investment firm and bought a group of silver dollars. He went to a coin show only to be told that he had paid twice the going rate and that the same things could have been purchased cheaper elsewhere. He chalked his first purchase up to experience and set about buying additional dollars. He soon learned that there were sharp differences in price and grading from dealer to dealer. In fact, the more dealers he talked to, the more confused he became as to what the best deal was.

Stanley could care less about the historical aspect of coins and wasn't a bit interested in building a numismatic library or learning anything technical. The trading aspect intrigued him most, and he was fascinated by the historical price appreciation of coins.

His own funds were mainly invested in the stock market. Although his intentions were good and although he had several friends who were stockbrokers, it seemed that every time he made $5,000 on one hand he would lose the same amount on the other. He just didn't seem to be getting anywhere. Consequently, he decided to make a definitive move and sold $50,000 worth of stock and bought Morgan and Peace dollars with the proceeds. This was in 1973. By the end of 1975 his investment in coins, mostly silver dollars, was close to $100,000. He spread his business around and purchased from many sources, often comparing prices and quality before making a decision. Although he made a few mistakes, by and large he received excellent value for the money spent. A couple of years ago we had an extended conversation, and Dr. Waldheim told me that a group of dollars which had cost him $94,000 had increased in value to $697,000!

We talk on the telephone every six months or so, and he tells me of his purchase interests. He has expanded his field of activity and now buys MS-65 20th century coins such as Barber dimes, quarters, half dollars, Liberty standing quarters, Mercury dimes, and Liberty walking half dollars. Although I have encouraged him to try to put together date and mintmark sets of these—he certainly can afford it—he doesn't care to do this. Rather, he buys what coins are particularly interesting to him and which seem to him to be the best buys. One of his prize possessions is a roll of 1938-D Liberty walking half dollars, certainly a prize item.

What conclusions can be drawn from these vignettes? None in particular—just that coin collecting has different appeals to different people. And coin collectors are different from each other. Of course, that is part of the fascination of numismatics.

NEW ISSUES

ISLE OF MAN

Christmas Coin Released

The Isle of Man recently issued a 1981 50-pence legal-tender Christmas coin. The cupronickel coin was struck by the Pobjoy Mint of Sutton, Surrey, England.



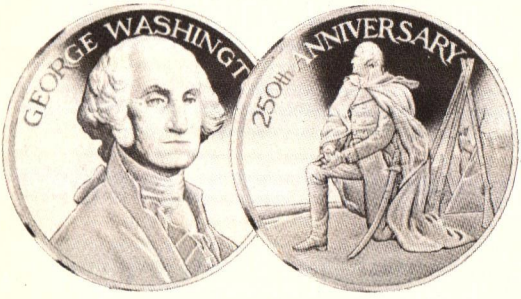
The reverse depicts the celebration of Christmas by the fishermen of Peel in the nineteenth century and also pays tribute to the year 1981, officially designated as Fisherman's Year. In the background of the reverse design is Peel Harbour, with St. German's Cathedral on the right. The boats are Manx Nickeys under full sail, leaving the harbour for herring fishing. The mastheads are decorated with garlands, evergreens and ribbons and allude to the ancient Manx tradition called "hunting the wren." At Christmastime it was customary to catch these little birds and place them in a garland for good luck throughout the coming year. The figures in the foreground on the quay are dressed in nineteenth century costume and to the right of the numerals a Manx cat can be seen. The word "Christmas" appears above the design, and the denomination appears below.

The obverse bears the familiar Machin portrait of Queen Elizabeth with the legend ISLE OF MAN—ELIZABETH II—1981.

The coin can be obtained from World Proof Numismatic Association, 1429 Hawthorn Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

UNITED STATES

Medal Commemorates Washington's Birth



In honor of the 250th anniversary of George Washington's birth, the American Commemorative Society will issue its first commemorative medal. Designed by Calvin Massey and sculptured by Pierre Lefebvre, the commemorative will be issued exclusively to charter members of the society.

One Proof will be minted in either solid 14-kt. gold, solid sterling silver or solid bronze for each charter member. Each hallmarked and numbered Proof measures 1½ inches in diameter and weighs one troy ounce.

Additional information about the George Washington 250th anniversary commemorative medal and details for becoming a charter member of the American Commemorative Society, are available from the American Commemorative Society, Box 50, Springfield, PA 19064.

Reagan Signs Commemorative Coin Act

For the first time in more than 30 years, an American president has once again authorized the production of commemorative coinage. President Reagan signed the Commemorative Coin Act on December 23, 1981, granting official approval for the U.S. Mint to begin steps toward production of a coin to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of the United States' first president, George Washington. Ms. Elizabeth Jones, newly appointed chief

November 1981 Mint Report

Denomination	Prev. Total	Oct. Total	Total
Anthony Dollars	9,442,000	300,000	9,742,000
Half Dollars	56,787,443	300,000	57,087,443
Quarter Dollars	944,679,311	129,372,000	1,074,051,311
Dimes	1,060,069,311	141,830,000	1,201,899,311
Five-cent pieces	938,013,311	43,534,532	981,547,843
One-cent pieces	7,501,235,000	1,105,670,000	8,606,905,000
1981 Proof Sets (SF)	2,929,779	450,432	3,380,211
Bicentennial 40% Silver Proof Sets	121,802	25,990	147,792
Bicentennial 40% Silver Uncirc. Sets	40,560	2,155	42,715

Coinage Executed for Foreign Governments

Philadelphia	Denomination	Prev. Total	Nov. Total	Total
Dominican Republic	1 Centavo	200,000	—0—	200,000
Dominican Republic	5 Centavos	5,300,000	—0—	5,300,000
Dominican Republic	10 Centavos	4,400,000	—0—	4,400,000
Dominican Republic	25 Centavos	2,600,000	—0—	2,600,000
Dominican Republic	50 Centavos	1,000,000	—0—	1,000,000
New York Assay Office				
Panama	1 Centisimo	10,000,000	—0—	10,000,000

sculptor-engraver of the U.S. Mint, will design the new commemorative.

The December 23 signing of the Commemorative Coin Act represents the first piece of commemorative coinage legislation signed into law since the September 21, 1951, signing of the Washington-Carver commemorative coin legislation by President Truman.

Zinc Cent Production Begins

A new era in U.S. one-cent production began on December 17, 1981, when the Bureau of the Mint's West Point Bullion Depository's Mint facility produced the first of the 1982 zinc based one-cent pieces. The new composition cents are comprised of 99.2 percent zinc, barrel plated with 0.8 percent pure copper. The 1982 cents minted at the West Point facility will be distributed to Federal Reserve Banks normally served by the West Point installation. Within the first several weeks of 1982, the San Francisco Assay office, and the Philadelphia and Denver Mints will join in the production of the new cent.

According to Treasury officials, the switch to the zinc cent was made because of a feared increase in the rise in the price of copper. If the price of copper should reach $1.50 per pound, the melt value of the old alloy cent would exceed the face value of the coin.

UNICEF

Turkey and Malta Add to Multinational Collection

Three new coins have been added to the UNICEF International Year of the Child Proof coin collection. Turkey has issued both gold and silver Proof coins and Malta has issued a silver coin. This multinational coin collection is sponsored and endorsed by UNICEF, and all coin designs center on the program theme of "Children." The collection will feature up to 12 gold and 30 silver



Proof coins. The coins are struck in limited mintages and no more than 20,000 complete collections will be available worldwide.

Both the 10,000-lira gold and 500-lira silver coins from Turkey feature the same design. Five Turkish children, dressed in native costumes, perform a traditional folk dance before a background of Turkish towers and domes. The inscription above the skyline is Turkish for International Year of the Child, and the symbols of UNICEF and IYC and the date appear beneath the children. Sculpted by English designer Michael Rizzello, the coins were struck by the Turkish Mint.

The obverse of each coin features the denomination in the center with the traditional star and crescent representative of Islam and Turkey above. The inscription translates REPUBLIC OF TURKEY.

The children depicted on the 5-pound Proof silver coin from Malta are playing a game similar to hopscotch. Below the central design are the logos of both IYC and UNICEF and the date. The denomination appears above. The coin, designed by Noel Galea, official engraver of the Malta Mint, will be struck by Valcambi, S.A. of Switzerland.



The obverse of the coin features the official emblem of Malta which depicts a boat in the sun. This new emblem was instituted in 1975, replacing the former seal that included a shield with a George Cross. The inscription REPUBLIC OF MALTA surrounds the emblem.

For further information concerning the UNICEF collection, contact The Hon. F.L. Kellogg, Director-General, UNICEF Coin Program, 866 United Nations Plaza, Room 410, New York, NY 10017.

HUNGARY

Silver and Nickel Commemoratives Issued





The National Bank of Hungary has released information on two new series of legal-tender commemorative coins.

The first series, comprised of two .640 silver coins, commemorates the 1982 World Cup to be held in Spain. Both 500 forint coins weigh 28 grams and are 40mm in diameter. Production of each has been limited to a mintage of 46,000.

The obverse of one coin bears the legend MAGYAR NEPÖKZTÁRSASÁG, and the denomination of the coin, 500 flanked on each side by the word FORINT. Depicted in the center is the official emblem of World Cup 1982, a combination of the international flag of Spain and a replica of a football. The year of minting, 1981, appears at the lower left corner of the emblem; the initials of the artist, Fülöp Zoltán, appear at the right; and the mark of the state mint, BP is found at the left. The





reverse of the coin depicts a football match and bears the inscription 1982 LABDARUGO VILAGBAJNOKSAG. The initials CSR of the sculptor/designer Csikszentmihályi Róbert appear at the lower right.

The obverse of the second coin in this series depicts the figure of a football player about to deliver a shot, framed by the inscription MAGYAR NÉPKÖZTÁRSASÁG. The obverse also shows the denomination 500 and the inscription FORINT, plus the state mint mark BP and the initials FZ of designer Képiró Zoltán. The reverse shows a schematic design of a football field, the official emblem of World Cup 1982, and the inscription LABDARUGO VILAGBAJNOKSAG.

Two nickel coins, in 10 forint and 100 forint denominations, make up the second series issued by the National Bank of Hungary, this one commemorating the first FAO World Food Day held in October 1981.

The size and design of the new 10 forint coin is identical to the 10 forint coin issued in 1971, except that the obverse features the FAO symbol rather than the crest of the Hungarian People's Republic. The circular FAO symbol depicts a wheat ear that divides the space into three fields, each of which holds a letter of the monogram FAO. On either side of the symbol appears the split figure 1981, the year of minting.

The 100 forint coin, weighing 12 grams and measuring 32mm in diameter, features on the obverse the inscription MAGYAR NÉPKÖZTÁRSASÁG, the BP mint mark, the denomination, and the year of minting, 1981. The central design shows a loose gathering





of three wheat ears and the FAO symbol, in which appears the date of World Food Day. Initials of the designer, Képiró Zoltán appear near the stems of the wheat ears. The reverse design, which illustrates a women on one knee holding a loaf of bread, was created by sculptor Boldogfai Farkas Sandor.

Mintage of the FAO coins is limited to 60,000 for the 10 forint issue and 100,000 for the 100 forint issue. Additional information about both series is available from the Magyar Nemzeti Bank, H-1850 Budapest, Hungary.

SINGAPORE

New Issue

Commemorates Airport

The Singapore Mint will soon release a limited edition of the "Singapore Changi Airport" $5 sterling silver Proof coin. The theme commemorates the official opening of the Republic's

newest international airport.

The history of Changi began during the Japanese occupation when the Japanese, needing an airbase, chose Changi for its level, sandy location. Allied prisoners of war from the nearby Changi Fort undertook the construction of the airbase in September 1943 and completed the two intersecting earth airstrips two years later.

The reverse of the coin depicts a panoramic view of the airport with its most dominant feature, the control tower, in the forefront. The garden city concept of Singapore is featured in the background. The obverse bears the coat of-arms of Singapore.

Struck in .925 fine silver, the coin measures 33.32mm in diameter and weighs 18.05 grams. Each coin is encased in a presentation box accompanied by a numbered certificate of authenticity attesting that it is legal tender and minted by the authority of the Board of Commissioners of Currency, Singapore. Mintage is limited to 20,000 pieces. The coin is also available in a cupronickel uncirculated version, measuring 33.32mm and weighing 16.85 grams.

Additional information about these commemoratives is available from the Singapore Mint, 249 Jalan Boon Lay, Singapore 2261, Republic of Singapore.

GREECE



Coins Honor First Olympic Games

Greece, the cradle of ancient athletics, has announced the issuance of two gold coins and a series of three silver coins, all legal tender currency, to commemorate the first Olympic Games held in 776 B.C. The Hellenic Republic has decided to launch the issues on the occasion of the XIII European Athletic Championships, which will take place in Athens September 6-12, 1982.

Classical Greek art has inspired the designs of the gold and silver coins that depict Olympic competition. The gold issues, in 2500- and 5000-drachma denominations, feature Agon, the Greek god of competition, and the crowned head of Zeus, respectively. The silver series, issued in denominations of 100, 250 and 500 drachmas, illustrates the long jump, a javelin thrower, and a runner's imminent victory. The silver coins are available in Brilliant Uncirculated and Proof.

The Greek State has limited the issue of these coins to 75,000 for each gold coin and to 300,000 for each silver coin. Marketers of the silver and gold pieces have indicated that they will donate three percent of the face value of U.S. sales to the Athletics Congress and the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Further information about the coins is available from Don Gartland, c/o Daniel J. Edelman, Inc., 1730 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Suite 460, Washington, D.C. 20006.

Entries Urged for Publications Contest

Local and state coin clubs have the chance to win a specially designed logo suitable for use on the club's newsletter in the ANA's annual Outstanding Club Publication contest. In order to win, clubs must send their 1981 newsletters by first class mail, along with the name and address of sender, by May 1, 1982. The contest is only open to clubs who have paid their 1981 dues and those clubs that do not have an elected or salaried officer of the association as editor or assistant editor. Newsletters should be addressed to: Club Publications Competition, American Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-2366.

Instituted in 1969, the awards pay tribute to outstanding regional and local club newsletters. Judged on the basis of general appearance, newsiness, quality, composition, aptness of illustrations, arrangement and relative interest to members, newsletters must have been issued on a regular basis at least quarterly, and all issues for 1981 must be submitted. Judges will consist of a panel of not less than four members, all of whom have professional editorial experience.

Though the ANA hopes to award two prizes, one to a regional organization and one to a local club, no prizes will be given if none are deemed worthy of the award. Several newsletters have already been received at headquarters, so plan to send in your club's publication soon.

New England Numismatic Association (C-19000)

Stephen R. Taylor, ANA governor, Delaware banker, and prominent paper money specialist, presented a slide presentation and lecture to a group of 31 junior collectors who attended the Young Numismatists Meeting at the New England Numismatic Association's 37th Conference and Convention, held December 1981 in Hartford, Connecticut. Taylor's presentation concerned modern paper money and included a discussion of the Federal Reserve System and the twelve Federal Reserve Districts. His talk was especially appropriate because the meeting featured a Paper Money Contest for exhibits featuring the twelve Federal Reserve Banks. Winning exhibitors in the contest were Larry Gentile, Jr., first place; Richard Litchfield, second place; and Cliff Levy, third place. Winners received plaques, and all other exhibitors were awarded prizes for their participation.

The YN program also featured a "Play Money" auction. All participants received a special play money note bearing Stephen Taylor's picture that could be used at the auction or saved as a program souvenir.

Montgomery County Coin Club (C-37103)

Spirited bidding marked the "Donated Auction" conducted by the Montgomery County Coin Club in November. A total of $455 was realized from the auction, the proceeds of which will aid local Boys' and Girls' Clubs.

At the 1981 MANA Convention, Montgomery County Coin Club member John Herman was honored as the club's Numismatist of the Year for his work as circulation manager of the M.C.C.C. monthly bulletin.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society (C-1830)

"Numismatics in Egypt and the Middle East" was the topic of David Cieniewicz' talk presented at a recent meeting of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. To accompany his talk Cieniewicz showed slides of his recent trip to Egypt and exhibited various coins and currency from Egypt, Jordan, Israel and Jersusalem, explaining the confusing status of these countries' current monetary systems. Dr. J. Allen Gilbert, formerly a lecturer on Ancient Egypt at the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art in New York City, contributed his-

torical background. In keeping with the theme for the evening, six members displayed numismatic items from Egypt and neighboring countries.

City of Ottawa Coin Club (C-49566)

The 163rd meeting of the City of Ottawa Coin Club of Canada featured speaker Ruth McQuade who talked about the Bank of Canada Currency Museum. Her presentation began with a slide show of informal scenes taken during the production of the museum. McQuade then briefly described the role of Major Sheldon Carroll in organizing the currency collection and his many months of travelling and collecting ideas for the museum's design. She also discussed the layout of the museum, including the three-ton Yap stone that stands at the museum's entrance, the history of coinage from bartering objects to early Chinese and ancient coins, and modern world currency. A large section of the museum is devoted to pre- and post-confederation Canadian currency.

Maryland Amusement Token Collectors Association (C-1116178)

The Maryland Amusement Token Collectors Association will introduce two new series of tokens in 1982. The first will be a continuation of the 1981 35-piece series, and the second will salute Baltimore's many inner-harbor activities. The association also has two additional series of tokens available to M.A.T.C.A. members only that honor U.S. amusement parks and famous and not-so-famous Americans.

Under the leadership of Bob Johnson, current president of the M.A.T.C.A., the club does not search for old tokens but with new issues brings recognition to many of Maryland's amusement parks, recreational areas and state sponsored activities. In addition to producing tokens, the association issues numerous wooden nickels that are contributed, along with association produced tokens, to various non-profit organizations.

The M.A.T.C.A, which began with eight members in July 1979, has increased its membership to 98, testifying to the increased interest in amusement token collecting. The association also publishes a monthly newsletter, "Funtime."

Further information about the Maryland Amusement Token Collectors Association can be obtained by writing to M.A.T.C.A, P.O. Box J, Baltimore, MD 21228.

Toronto Coin Club (C-21085)

The first speaker featured at the November meeting of the Toronto Coin Club was Ed Keetch, who displayed a complete set of United Auto Workers union buttons. The collection, which contains pieces dating to 1937, is the only complete set in Canada and possibly the only set in North America. Keetch also discussed the difficulties encountered by unionists in the early days.

Keetch's presentation was followed by several T.C.C. members who spoke on the topic of the evening, "Women in Numismatics." Presentations included discussions of Queen Elizabeth notes, coinage of Queen Victoria, currency depicting women in medicine, and women who have become numismatic dealers.

Colorado Springs Numismatic Society (C-36988)

The November meeting of the Colorado Springs Numismatic Society featured as its guest Stephen R. Taylor, newly elected governor of the ANA. A banker in Dover, Delaware, Taylor was in Colorado Springs to acquaint himself with ANA Headquarters.

The program was presented by Robert Hogue, ANA museum curator. His subject, "Medieval Coins," covered the period 500 A.D. to 1500 A.D., and he gave a comprehensive history of the coins issued during this period. Hogue also displayed many items from his personal collection.

Exhibit presentations were also delivered by six C.S.N.S. members. Among the exhibitors was Ken Hallenbeck who displayed a French 10 centimes coin, counterstamped "Pears

Soap." He related the history of the Pears Soap Company, which was founded in 1789, and showed old magazine advertisements for the soap. Hallenbeck has collected all types of memorabilia pertaining to Pears Soap Company and its product.

Western Reserve Numismatic Club (C-3)

The third club ever to be vested with ANA membership celebrated the 60th anniversary of its inception in early December. The Western Reserve Numismatic Club of Cleveland, Ohio, observed the memorable occasion with a festive banquet complete with entertainment and educational speakers. In recognition of the distinguished status the club has in the City of Cleveland, a mayoral proclamation was issued officially marking the club's anniversary date as "Western Reserve Numismatic Day" in Cleveland.

Indianapolis Coin Club (C-9096)

In its efforts to make more numismatic literature available to the residents of Indianapolis, Indiana, the Indianapolis Coin Club purchased 23 copies of a newly released book, *Indiana Trade Tokens*, and presented them to the Indianapolis Public Library District. One edition was placed in the main downtown library and the remaining 22 were given to the library's neighborhood branches.

The book, written by Lloyd E. Wagaman of Camby, Indiana, and published by the Indiana-Kentucky-Ohio Token and Medal Society, alphabetically lists all towns in Indiana known to have issued trade tokens and describes each token in detail. More than 5400 tokens are described, 536 of which are listed for Indianapolis alone.

Collectors interested in the publication may write for further information to IKO-TAMS Book Fund, P.O. Box 377, Fairfield, OH 45014.



Atlantic Treasure Club (C-95784)

In September 1981 the Atlantic Treasure Club and the Nassau County Department of Parks and Recreation sponsored the 4th Annual Long Island Treasure Hunt and the Annual Atlantic Treasure Club Hunt. More than 200 treasure hunters competed for $7,000 in prizes, and participants in the Long Island Treasure Hunt searched for 12,000 coins buried in the ground.

The Atlantic Treasure Club meets the third Wednesday of each month at Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, New York. For further information regarding future treasure hunts and club membership, write to A.T.C., 3388 Park Ave., Oceanside, NY 11572.

San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council (C-43720)

Medal chairman Al Baber, of the San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council has announced that medals from the club's 1981 Coinarama are still available for sale. The medal, which depicts the wild mustang, one of California's protected species, was struck in brass, oxidized bronze and silver.

The bald eagle will be the subject of the medal commemorating the 1982 Coinarama and the 200th anniversary of the adoption of the eagle as the nation's symbol.

Information concerning the medals can be obtained from Al Baber, P.O. Box 686, El Cajon, CA 92021.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EAST

FEBRUARY

13-14 *Fredericksburg, VA.* Community Center, Charles and Canal Streets, 12th Annual Coin Show of the Fredericksburg Coin Club, F.C.C., P.O. Box 5011, Falmouth, VA 22401.

13-14 *State College, PA.* Nittany Lion Inn, Rt. 322. Annual Coin/Paper Money Show & Bourse of the Centre Coin Club. C.C.C., 328 Toftrees Ave., #347, State College, PA 16801.

14 *Albany, NY.* Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Exit. Capital District Coin Dealers Association Coin Show. Joseph F. Marcelli, 28 Locust Ave., Troy, NY 12180.

20-21 *Charleston, WV.* Charleston Civic Center, Elk River and Lee St. Greater Kanawha Valley Coin Show sponsored by the Dunbar Coin Club. Donald K. Clifford, P.O. Box 65, St. Albans, WV 25177.

21 *Syracuse, NY.* Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Road. Onondaga Numismatic Association Coin Show. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Circle W., Clay, NY 13041.

26-27 *Warwick, RI.* Midland Mall. 2nd Annual Spring Coin and Stamp Show. Filomena Marino, 75 Knowles Way, Narragansett, RI 02882.

MARCH

7 *Albany, NY.* Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Exit. Capital District Coin Dealers Association Coin Show. Joseph F. Marcelli, 28 Locust Ave., Troy, NY 12180.

12-13 *Waynesboro, PA.* A.T.H.& L. Fire Company, S. Potomac St. 19th Annual Show of the Waynesboro Coin Club. Glenn Wingert, 34 Strickler Ave., Waynesboro, PA 17268.

13 *Paramus, NJ.* Bergen Mall Shopping Auditorium, Rt. 4. 22nd Annual Bergen County Coin Club Coin Show. James K. Brandt, P.O. Box 787, Pearl River, NY 10965.

13-14 *Indiana, PA.* Rustic Lodge, Rt. 286 South. Indiana Coin Club's 24th Annual Spring Coin Show. C.V. Stabile, P.O. Box 91, Lucernemines, PA 15754.

20-21 *Poughkeepsie, NY.* Mid-Hudson Civic Center. STAMCO, 18th Annual Show of the Mid Hudson Coin Club and the Dutchess Philatelic Society, Y.M. Hill, Box 996, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

20-21 *Lewistown, PA.* Holiday Inn, Rt. 322, Burnham Exit. Lewistown Coin Club's 17th Annual Coin Show. Walter C. Biddle, 204 Nolan Drive, Lewistown, PA 17044.

21 *Syracuse, NY.* Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Rd. Onondaga Numismatic Association Coin Show. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Circle W., Clay, NY 13041.

21 *Portland, ME.* Holiday Inn, Exit 8, Maine Tpke. Gorham Coin Club Coin Show. Charles A. Roberts, 37 Anson Road, Portland, ME 04102.

25-29 *New York City, NY.* Vista International Hotel, World Trade Center. 26th Annual Metropolitan New York Numismatic Convention. John P. Jensen, P.O. Box 1215, New Rochelle, NY 10802.

27-28 *Allentown, PA.* George Washington Motor Lodge, U.S. Rt. 22 and 7th St. 18th Annual Lehigh Valley Coin Show sponsored by the Allentown, Bethlehem and Lehigh Valley Coin Clubs. Fred E. Black, R.D. 1, Wescesville, PA 18106.

27-28 *King of Prussia, PA.* Holiday Inn, Goddard Blvd. Valley Forge Coin Club's 17th Annual Coin Show. Bill Garvey, V.F.C.C., P.O. Box 473, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

28 *Fairlawn, NJ.* Fairlawn A.C., Parmellee and Fairlawn Ave. Fairlawn Coin Show's 12th Annual Coin Show. G. Meletta, P.O. Box 113, Hawthorne, NY 07507.

28 *Willimantic, CT.* Ukrainian National Home, Rt. 6. Mansfield Numismatic Society's 9th Annual Coin Show. C. John Ferreri, Box 33, Storrs, CT 06268.

APRIL

3-4 *Lancaster, PA.* Treadway Resort Inn, 222 Eden Rd., Rt. 30 and Oregon Pike. Central Pennsylvania Numismatic Association's Annual Coin Show. Anthony Almond, Sr., P.O. Box 711, Reading, PA 19603.

18 *Syracuse, NY.* Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Rd. Onondaga Numismatic Association Coin Show. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Circle W., Clay, NY 13041.

23-25 *New Carrollton, MD.* Sheraton Inn-Washington-Northeast, Exit 20B, I-495, 8500 Annapolis Road. WMPG Tri-Club 3rd Annual Convention and Coin Show, sponsored by the Prince Georges County Coin Club, the Montgomery County Coin Club and the Washington Numismatic Society. Earl Blaisdell, 2250 Highland Terrace, Falls Church, VA 22046.

MAY

16 *Syracuse, NY.* Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Rd. Onondaga Numismatic Association Coin Show. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Circle W., Clay, NY 13041.

SOUTH

FEBRUARY

5-7 *Orlando, FL.* Valencia Community College. Institute of Numismatic and Philatelic Studies course in Rare Coin Grading and Authenticating. Gloria Greene, Director, INPS, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY 11530.

6-7 *Vicksburg, MS.* Holiday Inn, off I-20. Vicksburg Coin Club Coin Show. Cason Schaffer, Rt. 11, East View Dr., Vicksburg, MS 39180.

6-7 *Killeen, TX.* Red Carpet Inn, Gray St. and E. Avenue A. Annual Coin & Stamp Show of the CENTEX Coin & Stamp Club. C.W. Rossman, P.O. Box

169, Killeen, TX 76541.

7 *Alexandria, LA.* Ramada Inn, 2211 MacArthur Dr. CENLA Coin Club's Annual Spring Show. John Kurfiss, C.C.C., P.O. Box 4184, Alexandria, LA 71301.

13-14 *San Antonio, TX.* Roadrunner Recreational Center, Stanley Rd., Fort Sam Houston. 1982 San Antonio Coin & Stamp Show, sponsored by the Gateway and Alamo Coin Clubs. Fred England, P.O. Box 21396, San Antonio, TX 78221.

28-March 2 *Houston, TX.* Rice University. Institute of Numismatic and Philatelic Studies course in Rare Coin Grading and Authenticating. Gloria Greene, Director, INPS, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY 11530.

MARCH

6-7 *Fayetteville, NC.* Sheraton Motor Inn, 301 Bragg Blvd. Cumberland County Coin Club's 7th Annual Coin Show. Charles Kimber, 3705 Florida Dr., Fayetteville, NC 28301.

20-21 *San Antonio, TX.* ANACS Seminar sponsored by the Alamo Coin Club. Thomas D. Walker, P.O. Box 29188, San Antonio, TX 78229.

26-28 *Orlando, FL.* Hilton Inn, Florida Center, 7400 International Dr. Annual Spring Show of the Central Florida Coin Club. A.J. Vinci, 1002 Pebble Beach Circle W., Winter Springs, FL 32708.

APRIL

16-18 *Wilmington, N.C.* Elk's Lodge, 5102 Oleander Dr. Lower Cape Fear Coin Club's Annual Azalea Festival Coin Show. O.T. Thompson, P.O. Box 4332, Wilmington, NC 28406.

CENTRAL

FEBRUARY

7 *Broomfield Hills, MI.* Masonic Temple, 257 N. Woodward Ave. Birmingham Coin Club's 18th Annual Coin Show. William Pheatt, P.O. Box 23, Birmingham, MI 48012.

21 *Green Bay, WI.* Midway Motor Lodge, 780 Packer Dr. Nicolet Coin Club's 22nd Annual Spring Show. Hank Theele, P.O. Box 152, Green Bay, WI 54305.

26-28 *St. Louis, MO.* Marriott Motor Hotel, I-70 at Lambert International Airport, St. Louis Numismatic Association's 18th Annual Greater America Coin Fair. Bill Armstrong, c/o Martin World Coins, 327 Northwest Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63074.

MARCH

5-7 *Shaker Heights, OH.* Somerset Inn, 3550 Northfield Road. 21st Annual Coin Show of the Warrensville Heights Coin Club Louis Irwin, 2101 Richmond Road, Beachwood, OH 44122.

6-7 *Omaha, NE.* Sheraton Inn, 120th and L, I-80. SAC-Midwest Coin Club Coin Show. R. Riley, 8404 Indian Hills Dr., Omaha, NE 68114.

19-21 *Chattanooga, TN.* Choo-Choo Convention Center, S. Market St. 17th Annual Show and Convention of the Tennessee State Numismatic Society. Ruth W. Armstrong, 1501 Akins Dr., Chattanooga, TN 37411.

26-28 *Kansas City, MO.* Ramada Inn, 6101 E. 87th St., I-435 at 87th St. Exit. Midwest Numismatic Association's 17th Annual Coin Show. Marvin Gross, 9723 Marsh, Kansas City, MO 64134.

27-28 *Milwaukee, WI.* MECCA Convention Center, 6th and Kilbourn. South Shore Coin Club's 19th Annual Coin Show. ANACS Counterfeit Detection Seminar, March 26. Robert Krueger, 3159 S. 13th St., Milwaukee, WI 53215.

28 *Marion, IN.* 4-H Fairgrounds, State Hwy. 18 East. Marion Coin Club's 24th Annual Coin Show, W. Ray Lockwood, M.C.C., P.O. Box 93, Marion, IN 46952.

APRIL

23-25 *Battle Creek, MI.* Stouffer's Hotel & Kellogg Center. Michigan State Numismatic Society's 26th Annual Spring Convention & Coin Show, hosted by the Albion, Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Coin Clubs. M.S.N.S., 711 Oakbrook Blvd., Battle Creek, MI 49015.

29 - May 2 *Cedar Rapids, IA.* Five Seasons Center, 370 1st Ave. N.E., Central States Numismatic Society's Annual Convention. ANACS Mini-Seminar, April 30 - May 2. Robert E. Douglas, P.O. Box 123, Hiawatha, IA 52233.

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2 *Defiance, OH.* Knights of Columbus Hall. 17th Annual Coin Show of the Defiance Coin Club. Dick Tobias, 328 Biede Ave., Defiance , OH 43512.

20-22 *Cleveland, OH.* Case Western Reserve University. Course in Rare Coin Grading and Authenticating conducted by the Institute of Numismatic and Philatelic Studies. Gloria Greene, Director, INPS, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY 11530.

30 *Skokie, IL.* American Legion Hall, 8212 N. Lincoln Ave. Morton Grove Coin Club's 18th Annual Spring Coin Festival. Lou Goldstein, M.G.C.C., P.O. Box 43, Morton Grove, IL 60053.

WEST

FEBRUARY

12-14 *Albuquerque, NM.* Convention Center. Albuquerque Coin Club's 21st Anniversary Convention. Evie Kelley, Box 3622, Albuquerque, NM 87190.

14 *Watsonville, CA.* Watsonville High School, Lincoln and E. Beach St. Pajaro Valley Coin Club's 17th Annual Coin Show. Deane Dramer, 14 Playa Blvd., Watsonville, CA 95076.

18-21 *Colorado Springs CO.* Broadmoor Hotel. 4th Midyear Convention of the American Numismatic Association. Bill Henderson, 1229 N. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80909.

20-21 *Spokane, WA.* Red Lion Motor Inn, I-90 and Sullivan Rd. Inland Empire Coin Club's 17th Annual COIN-vention. William Farrer, P.O. Box 18677, Spokane, WA 99208.

21 *Livermore, CA.* Elk's Club, I-580, First St. Exit. Livermore Valley Coin Club's 19th Annual Coin Show. L.V.C.C., P.O. Box 610, Livermore, CA 94550.

26-28 *Phoenix, AZ.* Metrocenter. Phoenix Coin Club Coin Show. P.C.C., Box 482, Casa Grande, AZ 85222.

28 *Cupertino, CA.* DeAnza College Campus Center, Stevens Creek Blvd. and Stelling Rd. 12th Annual Cupertino Coin Club Coin Show. Frank Nielsen, P.O. Box 1189, Cupertino, CA 95014.

MARCH

6 *Seattle, WA.* Norway Center Auditorium, 300 3rd Ave. W. University Coin Club's 1982 Stamp and Coin Exhibition. U.C.C., 20121 1st Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98148.

13 *Fullerton, CA.* Fullerton Holiday Inn, Hwy. 91 and Harbor Blvd. California State Numismatic Association's Numismatic Educational Symposium. Bryan Burke, 2364 North "G" St., San Bernardino, CA 92405.

13-14 *Tacoma, WA.* Sherwood Inn, 8402 S. Hosmer. Tacoma Coin Club Coin Show. Paul Novitski, T.C.C., P.O. Box 11104, Tacoma, WA 98411.

20-21 *Bellingham, WA.* Leopold Hotel. Bellingham Coin and Stamp Club's Show. B.C.C., P.O. Box 124, Bellingham, WA 98225.

21 *Napa, CA.* Town & Country Fairgrounds, 575 3rd St. Napa Valley Coin Club's 18th Annual Coin Show. Josephine Wells, 313 Tammy Way, Napa, CA 94558.

25-28 *Los Angeles, CA.* Airport Park Hotel. Society for International Numismatics 11th Convention and Coin Show. George Russell, P.O. Box 943, Santa Monica, CA 90406.

27-28 *Colorado Springs, CO.* Holiday Inn North, Fillmore and I-25. Pikes Peak Coin Show sponsored by the Colorado Springs Coin Club. Max Stucky, P.O. Box 9992, Colorado Springs, CO 80932.

28 *San Francisco, CA.* Jack Tar Hotel, Van Ness at Geary. 19th Annual Coin Fair of the San Francisco Coin Club. Larry Reppeteau, P.O. Box 14181, San Francisco, CA 94114.

28 *West Chester, PA.* West Chester Inn, Rt. 202 and South Bi-Pass. 18th Annual Show and 2nd Annual C.O.N.E. Regional Meet sponsored by the West Chester Coin Club. Bob Larkin, P.O. Box 71, Phoenixville, PA 19460.

APRIL

3-4 *Eureka, CA.* Redwood Acres Fairgrounds. 16th Annual Coin Show of the Eureka Coin Club. Harry Dixon, P.O. Box 505, Eureka, CA 95501.

4 *Salinas, CA.* Disabled American Veterans Hall, 270 Rianda St. Salinas Valley Coin Club's 14th Annual Coin Show. Gordon D. Rammer, 1360 Josselyn Cyn. Rd., #18, Monterey, CA 98940.

16-18 *San Francisco, CA.* Jack Tar Hotel, Van Ness at Geary. California State Numismatic Association's 70th Semi-Annual Convention & Coin Show. William O. Wisslead, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92707.

26 *Vallejo, CA.* Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Vallejo Numismatic Society's 10th Annual Coin Show. Michael S. Turrini, V.N.S., P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590.

MAY

14-16 *Seattle, WA.* Sea-Tac Red Lion Inn, 188th and Pacific Hwy. S. Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association's 37th Annual Convention and Show. P.N.N.A., P.O. Box 17183, Seattle, WA 98107.

FUTURE ANA EVENTS

JUNE 20-26 *State College, PA.* Pennsylvania State University. Summer Seminar. Judy Stebenne, Seminar Coordinator, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-2366.

JULY 11-17 *Stevens Point, WI.* University of Wisconsin. Summer Seminar. Judy Stebenne, Seminar Coordinator, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-2366.

AUGUST 1-7 *Colorado Springs, CO.* Colorado College. Summer Seminar. Judy Stebenne, Seminar Coordinator, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-2366.

AUGUST 16-22 *Boston, MA.* Sheraton-Boston Hotel. 91st Anniversary Convention. Eliott L. Goldberg, General Chairman, P.O. Box 1982, West Roxbury, MA 02132.

FEBRUARY 24-27, 1983 *Tucson, AZ.* Tucson Community Center, Marriot Hotel. 5th Midyear Convention. Hal Birt, General Chairman, 4325 E. Broadway, Tucson, AZ 84711.

AUGUST 15-21, 1983 *San Diego, CA.* Town & Country Hotel. 92nd Anniversary Convention. Catharine Edgerton Lenker, General Chairman, P.O. Box 6599, San Diego, CA 92106.

FEBRUARY, 1984 *Denver, CO.* 6th Midyear Convention.

JULY 30-AUGUST 5,1984 *Detroit, MI.* Cobo Hall Convention Center. 93rd Anniversary Convention.

FEBRUARY 21-24, 1985 *San Antonio, TX.* 7th Midyear Convention.

AUGUST 4-11, 1985 *Baltimore, MD.* Baltimore Convention Center. 94th Anniversary Convention.

1986 SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 95th Anniversary Convention.

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ANA CERTIFICATION SERVICE

New Counterfeit 1909/S Lincoln Cent

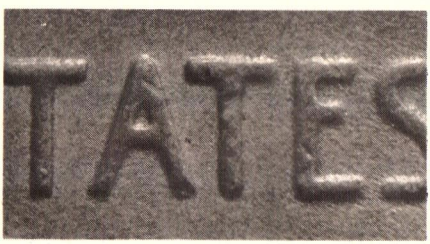
Has a counterfeiter ever made a coin so good that it defies detection? Probably not, but some of them are so good that they can fool most of us for a short period of time. A case in point is the 1909-S Lincoln cent that is used to illustrate this month's article. This coin is high grade, extremely nice looking, die struck, and with all of the characteristics that we associate with genuine coins.

During our preliminary examination of this piece we noticed the "scratches" at the right of the date, inside the rim from TRUST to the date and on the lower part of Lincoln's lapel. At first we passed over them as simply damage to the coin. Then, continuing the examination, we saw some markings on the reverse that made us think twice about those on the obverse. It was the kind of gut feeling that is acquired only from long experience in examining coins and knowing that any one of them can be counterfeit.

Those of you who have attended the ANACS Seminars will remember that we invariably make the point that there is no mystery in the detection of counterfeit coins, that you must develop your memory for details and then keep accurate records of the coin's minute details seen under close examination. Once we got that gut-feeling that something was wrong, it remained only to pin down where we had seen it before. Rick Montgomery, one of our authenticators, remembered seeing that same reverse on a 1914-D cent and, in checking our records, found that the reverse was identical to the one published in the April 1979 issue of *The Numismatist*, pages 756-757.

The reverse die used for that coin had been muled with a 1909-S obverse to create this new counterfeit 1909-S Lincoln cent. Among the most obvious characteristics that you can easily see are:

1. Die damage that looks like scratches above and to the right of the date.
2. Die damage inside the rim from TRUST to the date area.
3. Tooling marks on the lower portion of the lapel and vest.
4. Die damage on and out to the left of the O of ONE.
5. Die damage on the outside of the lower right part of the O of ONE.
6. Diagonal depression inside the top of the N of ONE.
7. Two depressions inside the top of the N of ONE.
8. Diagonal depression near the bottom of the left leg of the M of AMERICA.
9. Depression on the end of the left leg of the last A of AMERICA.
10. Two die damage marks just inside the rim at the bottom of the reverse.



1914-D CENT: *Depressions on TAT of STATES.*



1909-S CENT: *Depressions on bases of A and second T of STATES, with several depressions just above the base of the first T and more depressions near tops of A and second T.*

That same reverse die could easily have been muled with other dated obverses, or the 1909-S obverse used for this counterfeit could be used with a different counterfeit reverse die. This is a graphic illustration of the need to study coins closely and then keep careful records of their individual characteristics.



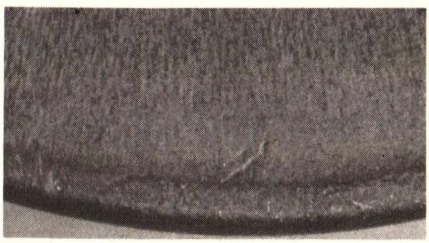
1909-S CENT: *Diagonal depression on raised rim above* E *of* WE.



1909-S CENT: *Large flat raised area of metal between rim, the upper right bar of the first* T *and the second* T *of* TRUST.



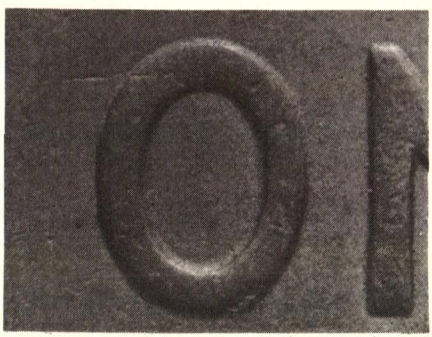
1909-S CENT: *Large diagonal depression above base of left leg of* M *of* AMERICA.



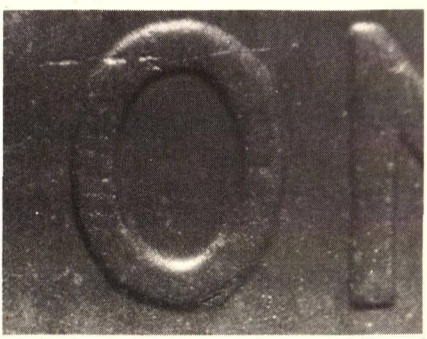
1914-D CENT: *Two diagonal depressions inside reverse rim at 6:00.*



1909-S CENT: *Two diagonal depressions on bottom of reverse at 6:00.*



1914-D CENT: *Die damage at upper left and lower right of* O *of* ONE.



1909-S CENT: *Die damage at upper left and lower right of* O *of* ONE.

BUILDING FUND REPORT

Drive for Memorial to Former ANA Official

Although he died twenty years ago, December 29, 1961, many a coin collector remembers Lewis M. Reagan or knows from hearsay of his great contributions to organized numismatics. It is most fitting that a visible and permanent memorial be created in honor of this man.

Lew served as general secretary of the American Numismatic Association for seventeen years, and was a mathematics professor at Wichita University for fifteen of those years. Now, ANA member J. Eric Engstrom, member of a law firm in Wichita and an active member of the Wichita Coin Club, is heading a drive for funds to dedicate the executive director's office in the Colorado Springs headquarters addition to the memory of Lewis M. Reagan.

It is difficult to convey an accurate picture of his merits and accomplishments to those who became collectors following Lew's untimely death at age 57. He perhaps knew more ANA members personally than any other official. In those days the general secretary was elected to office by the membership and Lew's popularity was such that it was always a foregone conclusion that he would be elected. In the minds of many collectors he was "Mr. ANA."

Lew's performance of his duties earned for him the ANA Medal of Merit the third year it was awarded and the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award as its fourth recipient. A special award, incorporating a 1904 double eagle, was presented to Lew in 1955 as a "Token of Appreciation from Hundreds of Members" of ANA.

ANA records show that some 5,000 current memberships became effective prior to Lew's demise, with membership numbers lower than 43700. If each of these members donates just $2, the goal of $10,000 will be realized. Cash donations, payable to A.N.A., should be sent to either J. Eric Engstrom, c/o Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, 125 N. Market St., Wichita, KS 67201, or ANA Headquarters, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. In either case, be sure to designate it as a donation to the Lewis M. Reagan Memorial Fund.

Error Collectors Gather Treasures for Auction

The conscientious efforts of an enthusiastic group of error collectors' clubs and publications have led to what promises to be an outstanding mail bid auction of numismatic error material. The auction, bidding for which will open in February 1982, is of particular interest to ANA members because all proceeds will be donated to the ANA Building Fund. The mail bid auction will be announced and lots itemized in the February issues of *Error Trends Coins Magazine*, *Error Variety News*, *The CONE Errorgram*, and the *NECA Errorscope*.

Len Roosmalen, a five-time first place winner at ANA conventions, will serve as auctioneer, donating his time, efforts and costs for all necessary arrangements. Bids will be sent directly to Roosmalen and he will conduct all aspects of the sale. No fees will be charged nor commissions deducted, and all proceeds will go directly to the ANA Building Fund. Donors of material will be eligible for tax deductible certificates after the sale has ended.

Individuals interested in receiving additional information about the numismatic error auction may write to any of the four publications in which the auction listings will be published. Queries, accompanied by a stamped,

self-addressed envelope, to any of the following sources will bring a rapid reply: Error Trends Coin Magazine, Box 158, Oceanside, NY 11572; Error Variety News, Box 544, Quakertown, PA 18951; Numismatic Error Collectors of America, (NECA), Box 888660, Dunwoody, GA 30338; and Collectors of Numismatic Errors, (CONE), P.O. Box 3809, Irving, TX 75061.

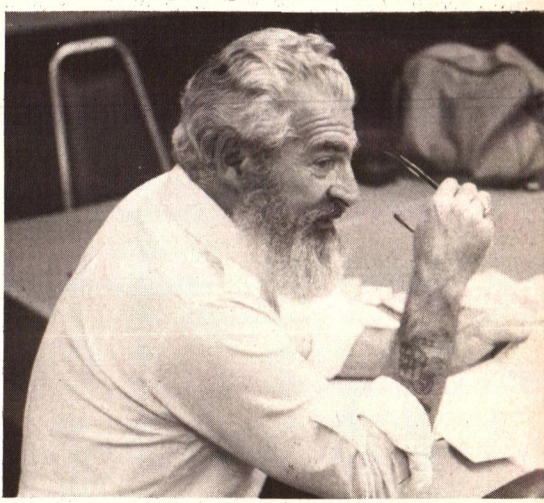
CONVENTIONS

Boston Committee Members Introduced

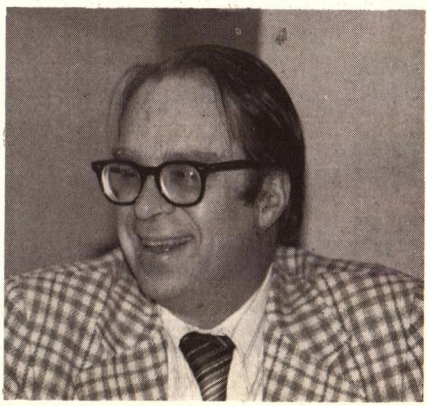
Much of the success of any ANA convention can be directly attributed to the dedication and skills of the local committee. The ANA's 91st Anniversary Convention, scheduled for August 16-22 in Boston, is very fortunate to have a well-seasoned and energetic group of people putting together this year's version. For instance, of the twenty-three committee members, eighteen are veterans of the last ANA convention held in Boston in 1973.

General Chairman **ELIOTT L. GOLDBERG**, a long-time member of the ANA, was co-chairman of the 1973 Boston Convention. He has served on the ANA Coin Week Committee in the past and currently serves on the ANA Building Fund Committee with responsibility for New England promotion. He is a past president of the Boston Numismatic Society, the Collector's Club of Boston, the Currency Club of New England, and the Canadian Club of New England, and has served the New England Numismatic Association as executive secretary for the past eight years. Eliott is also a member of the Token and Medal Society, the American Vecturist Association, the International Order of Wooden Money Collectors and various other numismatic organizations.

One of the co-chairmen for 1982 is **ARTHUR M. FITTS, III**, a name familiar to most ANA members. Arthur was the general chairman of the 1973 ANA Boston Convention. In addition, he was responsible during his former position as assistant to the executive vice president of the ANA for five other highly successful conventions. In New England, Arthur is the current president of the Boston Numismatic Society, one of the host clubs of the upcoming convention. He is also a past president of the



Eliott L. Goldberg, General Chairman



Arthur M. Fitts, III, Co-Chairman

Framingham Coin Club, life member and director of the New England Numismatic Association, life member of the Collector's Club of Boston and charter member of the Currency Club of New England. In addition, he is a member of the Old Time Assay Commissioner's Society, Token and Medal Society, the British Numismatic Society, a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society, and a 27-year life member of ANA. He has exhibited and lectured nationally and was a winner of a Best in Class Award at the 1970 ANA Convention.

The other co-chairman for this year's convention is **JEFFREY A. TREVAS**. He is the president of the Collector's Club of Boston, the other host club for 1982. In addition, Jeffrey is a past president of the Framingham Coin Club, the current vice president of the Boston Numismatic Society, past president and director and life member of the New England Numismatic Association and charter member of the Currency Club of New England. Other numismatic affiliations include membership in the Token and Medal Society, the Society of Medieval Numismatists, the New Hampshire Numismatic Association and the American Numismatic Society. He is a life member of the American Numismatic Association and served on the 1973 Boston Convention committee.

The secretary for this convention is **MARY W. MULLEN**. Mary is a veteran of the 1973 convention, having worked on the registration committee. In addition, she is the assistant secretary of the New England Numismatic Association.

Handling the finances for this year is **THOMAS P. ROCKWELL**, who was also treasurer in 1973. Thomas has been secretary for the Collector's Club of Boston for 12 straight years, treasurer for the Boston Numismatic Society for 17 straight years, and currently serves as secretary and treasurer of the Currency Club of New England. A collector for more than 50 years, he is a 28-year life member of ANA and recipient of an ANA Heath Literary Award.

Heading the Registration Committee is **JOHN D. MULLEN**, who was co-chairman of the Registration Committee in 1973. John has been a member of the ANA since 1961 and currently serves as an ANA district representative. He is treasurer of the New England Numismatic Association, founder of the Bank Token Society, past president of both the Boston Numismatic Society and the Collector's Club of Boston, and a



Ruthann Brettell, Assistant to the Executive Vice President in Charge of Conventions; Jeff Trevas, Co-Chairman; and Thomas Rockwell, Finance



John Mullen, Registration; and Mary Mullen, Secretary



Diane Shulman, Banquet, and Bennett Shulman, Housing



James Rolston, Hospitality

member of the Currency Club of New England, the Token and Medal Society and IKO-TAMS.

This year's Hospitality Committee will be co-chaired by **JAMES AND BETH ROLSTON**. This husband and wife team ran the first New England Numismatic Association Educational Seminar. They are also in charge of NENA's audio-visual program, and James will be the general chairman of the 1982 NENA Conference in Merrimack, New Hampshire.

Housing for the 1982 Boston convention will be chaired by **BENNETT SHULMAN**. Bennett is a veteran of the 1973 ANA Convention, and of many New England Numismatic Association conferences since that time.

The Young Numismatist Program will be under the direction of **JAMES F. STONE**, who handled the same job in 1973. James is an avid researcher on currency and has contributed many articles on the subject to national publications. He is a past president and director of the New England Numismatic Association, and a member of the Collector's Club of Boston, the Currency Club of New England, the International Banknote Society and the Check Collectors Round Table.

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

Collectors who wish to exhibit material at the Boston Convention should write to Exhibit Chairman John L. Powers, 15 Canterbury Street, Andover, MA 01760 for an application form. These forms must be returned to him by July 20. Those exhibiting non-competitively are encouraged to develop a 20-minute talk on their exhibit for presentation in the ANA's Little Theatre which will be adjacent to the exhibit area. The Little Theatre will offer regularly scheduled 20 minute programs on various subjects. Interested persons should write General Chairman Eliott Goldberg at P.O. Box 1982, West Roxbury, MA 02132, and outline the talk they would like to give.



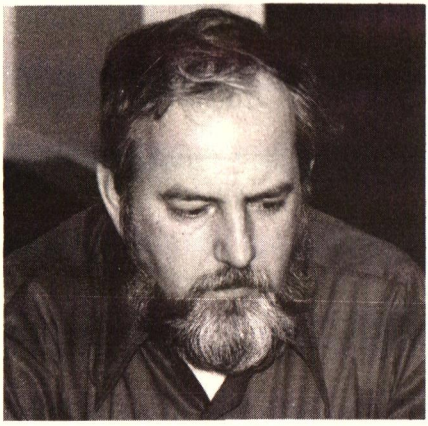
James F. Stone, Young Numismatists

1982 publicity chairman **DAVID L. GANZ** has come a long way since he served on the Boston Convention committee in 1973. This noted numismatic author and former ANA legislative counsel currently serves as general counsel for the Professional Numismatists Guild and numismatic consultant for the Food and Agriculture Organization. An active member of the Numismatic Literary Guild, David has won numerous awards for his writing from that organization as well as Heath Literary Awards from the ANA. He is a life member of the New England Numismatic Association.

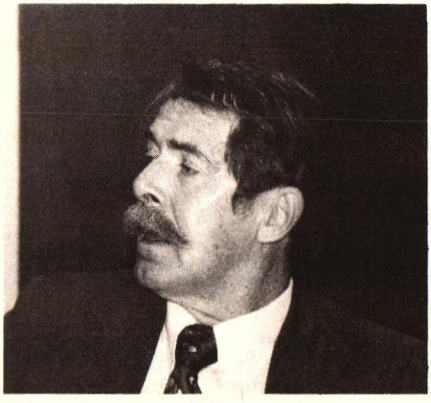
Sharing photography responsibilities this year are **SUSAN POND** and **RICHARD SULLIVAN**. Susan, daughter of famed numismatists June and Shepard Pond, served as official photographer for the 1973 convention. She is a member and councilor of the Boston Numismatic Society and member of the New England Numismatic Association, where she has assisted on many conferences. Richard is the official photographer for the Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association.

Chairman of the Properties Committee is **PAUL F. WHITE**, who served in the same capacity in 1973. Paul is a past president of the Framingham Coin Club, vice president of the Collector's Club of Boston and secretary of the Boston Numismatic Society. Other numismatic affiliations include membership in the ANA, New England Numismatic Association, Token and Medal Society, the Civil War Token Society, and at least four other national numismatic groups. His writing has been nationally published.

Co-chairmen for exhibits are **JOHN L. POWERS** and **EDWARD KATZ**. John, who was exhibit chairman in 1973, is a past president and chairman of the board of directors of the Collector's Club of Boston. Edward Katz is also a director of the Collector's Club of Boston and presi-



Paul F. White, Properties



John L. Powers, Exhibits



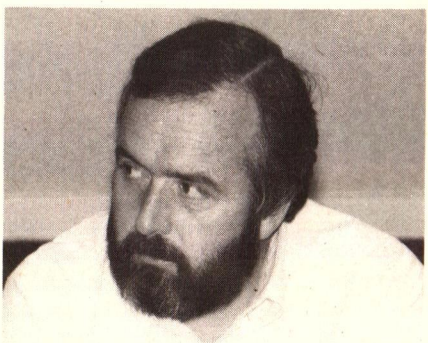
Edward Katz, Exhibits; and James F. Clapp, Graphics and Medal Design

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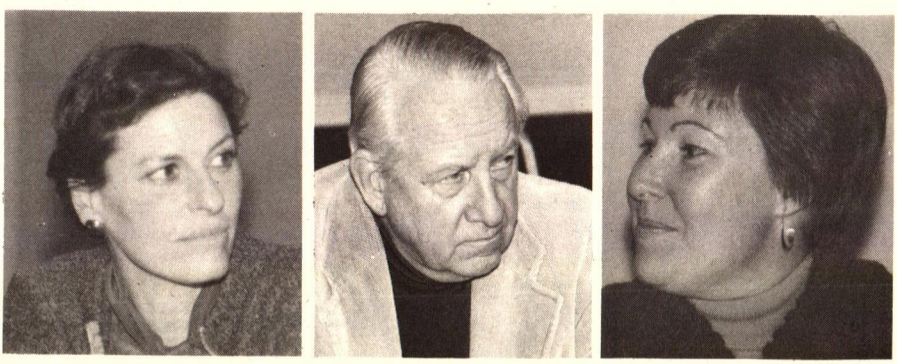
Responsibility for the Educational Forum rests with **LEONARD H. FINN**, who served as moderator to the Educational Forum in 1973. In addition to being a member of the ANA and the American Numismatic Society, he is a past president of the Collector's Club of Boston and the New England Numismatic Association and a past officer of the Boston Numismatic Society. Leonard is a recognized expert on American colonial coins and paper money, on Betts Medals, on John Law Tokens and on coin glass. He is a national lecturer and has participated in the Numismatic Educational Series at MIT.

The Banquet Committee chairman is **DIANE SHULMAN**. Diane has been involved with many New England Numismatic Association conferences since her first involvement with the 1973 Boston ANA Convention.

Special Events has been divided among four people: **FRANCES DUFFLY, JOAN R. TREVAS, BRUCE DONAHUE** and **FRANKLIN A. DAVIS**. Frances Duffly brings enthusiasm and a long-time working knowledge of Boston and its environs to this committee. Joan is a past councilor of the Boston Numismatic Society, past vice president and director of the Framingham Coin Club, and a member of the Collector's Club of Boston, the ANA and the New England Numismatic Association. She is a veteran of the 1973 ANA Convention and many New England Numismatic Association conferences, and a recognized expert on Spanish Medieval numismatics. Bruce Donahue was chairman of the Security Committee in 1973 and is a life member of the ANA. He is also an officer of Numismatics International, and a member of the New England Numismatic Association and the Norfolk County Coin Club. Franklin Davis is a past president of the Framingham Coin Club and a member of the Dedicated Wooden Money Collectors and the International Order of Wooden Money Collectors. He has offered his expertise in both designing and producing publicity items to many local



Bruce Donahue, Technical Consultant, Special Events



Frances Duffly, Franklin A. Davis, Joan Trevas, Special Events

organizations, as well as the New England Numismatic Association and, of course, the ANA.

One of the convention's most important committees is Graphics and Medal Design. Therefore, the chairmanship of that committee goes to one of our most important numismatists, **JAMES FORD CLAPP, JR.** In addition to being an internationally acclaimed architect and recognized authority on ancient coins, James is well known as medal designer for several ANA issues (one of which included the Lamp of Knowledge symbol) and for seven medals issued by the New England Numismatic Association. A long-standing ANA member and former district representative, he served on Boston convention committees in 1948, 1960 (as general chairman) and 1973. His numismatic activities in New England include previous assignments as president of the Boston Numismatic Society and the New England Numismatic Association, currently serving as director-at-large for NENA and membership in the famous Historia Numorum Society.

All of these people, the experienced and the eager novice alike, have banded together to try and put on a first-class show for you in 1982. So start making your plans now to join us in August in Boston. If you have questions or comments for specific committee chairmen, drop us a line at P.O. Box 1982, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Come to the Peace Party!

Eight Boston Hotels Holding Space for ANA Conventioneers

Skyrocketing hotel rates are just one of the many effects of inflation that have put a crimp in the budget of faithful ANA convention-goers. In order to better meet the varied economic needs of those planning to attend the 91st Anniversary Convention in Boston from August 17-22, 1982, the ANA has blocked rooms and arranged for special rates at eight hotels offering a range of rates and accommodations.

The Sheraton-Boston Hotel, located in the Prudential Center, offers the last word in luxury and convenience as the convention's headquarters hotel. Its immediate proximity to the Hynes Auditorium where the more than 400-table bourse will be situated, as well as its location for most group functions, makes the Sheraton a desirable choice for convention attendees who want to stay in the thick of things. The modern twin towers hold 1400 rooms, including 135 suites, all of which are soundproof with individually controlled air conditioning, color television and in-house movies. Rates range from $77-$90 for a single, $87-$99 for a double, and $125-up for a suite. The hotel hosts a gift shop, art gallery, and jewelry shop, as well as a tour desk, car rental and major airlines ticket counter. An array of restaurants and lounges offer fine food, quiet music, and a relaxing atmosphere.

Across the street The Colonnade, a deluxe contemporary hotel, invites Boston visitors to enjoy the ambiance, dining, and personalized service seen in fine European hotels. By paying $66 to $92 for a single, $74 to $100 for a double, and $300-up for a suite, guests can primp in the hotel's beauty salon or barber shop; relax in the sauna; frolic in the roof-top resort with swimming pool, putting green and cabanas; or enjoy the epicurean delights of Zachary's Bar and Restaurant.

Within short walking distance to the Hynes Auditorium and Sheraton-Boston (three to five blocks) are three hotels that have reserved rooms for ANA visitors. Copley Square, which offers the



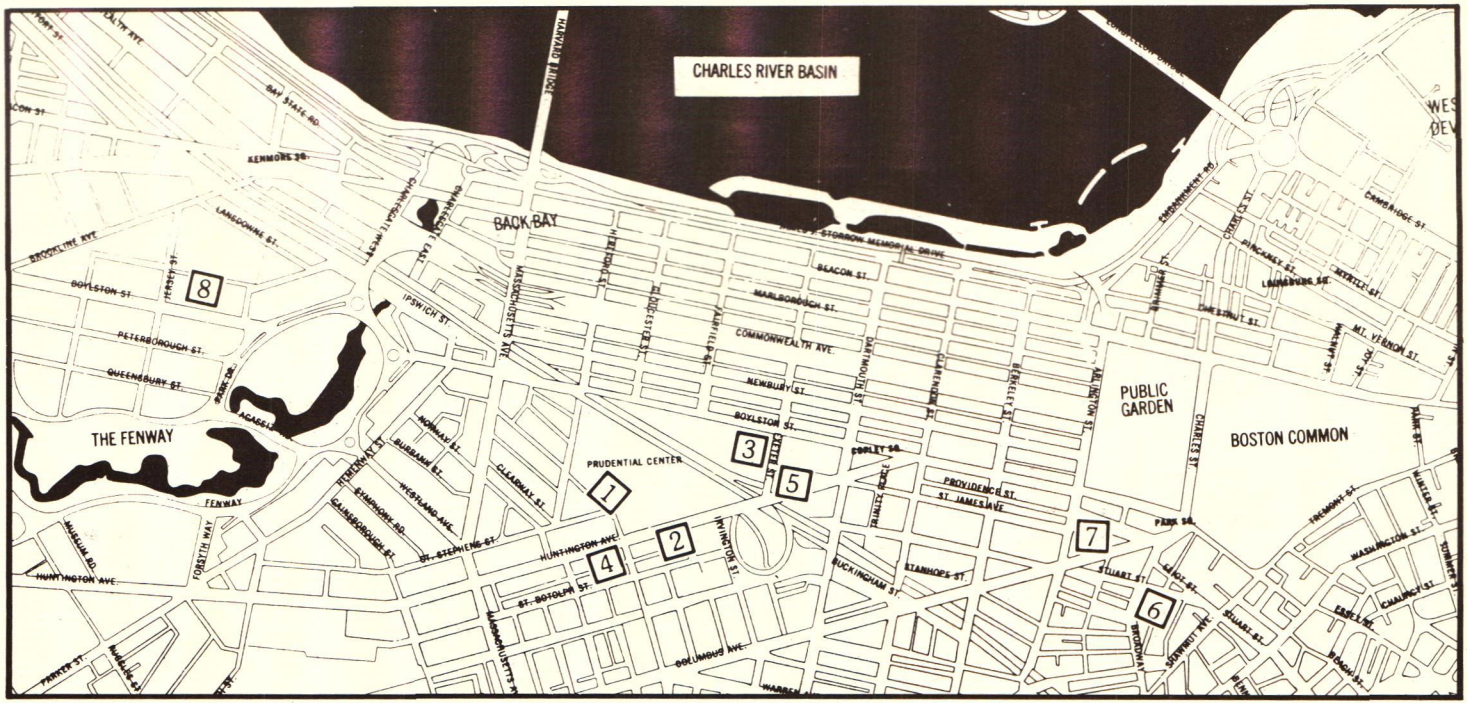
Boston–Sheraton

lowest rates of the eight hotels at $48-$60 for a single and $60-$80 for a double, is friendly and informal and is the home of the famous Cafe Budapest. The Midtown, designed in appearance like a motel, provides free parking and spacious rooms at $58 for a single, $63 for a double, and $140-$203 for a suite. Guests at the Lenox Hotel will enjoy a tradition of elegance like that preserved in small, old-world hotels at rates ranging from $62-$74 for a single to $76-$88 for a double. Decorated with the finest of French, Early American and Oriental furnishings, many of the restored guest rooms feature a fireplace. Dining facilities include the Olde London Pub and Grille, a replica of a 16th century English country pub.

The last three hotels are still within walking distance for those who enjoy a brisk stroll, but not for those carrying much weight or for whom walking any distance is difficult. However, the subway is readily accessible and cab fare from this point is roughly $3.00.

Howard Johnson's 57 Plaza is one of Boston's newest hotels, located near the shopping and theatre districts and featuring a patio off each room. Rates are $75 for a single and $85 for a double. Nearby Boston Park Plaza overlooks the Public Garden. Guests can enjoy a health club, beauty salon, barber shop, and sauna, as well as six restaurants and lounges, all for the price of $55-$68 for a single, $67-$83 for a double, and $200-up for a suite. The Fenway Boylston (a Quality Inn), located next to Fenway Park, offers single rooms at $53 and doubles at $63.

Members planning to attend the Boston show are encouraged to make their hotel reservations early to assure space in the hotel of their choice. Fill out the card contained in this issue, following directions carefully, and mail to the Greater Boston Convention and Tourist Bureau, Inc., P.O. Box 490, Boston, MA 02199. Additional cards may be obtained from Boston Hotel Reservations, American Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-2366.



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91st ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION
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AUGUST 17—22, 1982

Complete reverse form (type or print legibly) and mail directly to:

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USE THIS FORM ONLY

NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY PHONE

Reservations must be received by Housing Bureau no later than July 19, 1982.

All reservations must be made through the Housing Bureau.
You will receive your confirmation directly from the hotel assigned.
Do not send deposits to the Housing Bureau—send deposit to the hotel after you receive your confirmation.
Please notify hotel of all changes and cancellations.

Please reserve the following: (See adjacent pages for rates and map)

HOTEL

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

4th Choice: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

If requested rate is not available, the next available rate will be assigned.

_____ single(s) for _____ persons at $_____

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_____ one bedroom suite for _____ persons at $_____
(parlor and one bedroom)

_____ two bedroom suite for _____ persons at $_____
(parlor and two bedrooms)

Other: _____

ARRIVAL

Date _____

Hour ____ AM ___ PM ___

Rooms held till 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified, or guaranteed by

DEPARTURE:

Date _____

Hour ____ AM ___ PM ___

NAMES OF OCCUPANTS

(Attach additional list if necessary)

MAIL CONFIRMATION TO

Name

Organization & Division (if applicable)

Address

City State

Zip Code Telephone

FAILURE TO NOTIFY HOTEL OF CHANGE IN ARRIVAL MAY RESULT IN CANCELLATION!

KEY	HOTEL	SINGLE	DOUBLE	SUITES
1	Sheraton-Boston Hotel, Headquarters	$77, $84, $90	$87, $94, $99	1 bedroom $125 up 2 bedroom $220 up
2	Colonnade - Luxury hotel, walking distance, across the street from the Prudential Center	$66, $78, $92	$74, $92, $100	$300 up
3	Lenox - Walking distance, (3 blocks)	$62, $68, $74	$76, $82, $88	——
4	Midtown - Motel style with free parking, walking distance (5 minutes).	$58	$63	$140 - $203
5	Copley Square - Walking distance (3 blocks)	$48, $52, $60	$60, $66, $70, $80	——
6	Howard Johnson's/57 Plaza - Walking distance (9 blocks), subway, or $3.00 cab ride	$75	$85	——
7	Boston Park Plaza - Walking distance (8 blocks, $3.00 cab ride, subway)	$55, $66, $68	$67, $78, $83	1 bedroom $200 2 bedroom $250
8	Fenway Boylston (Quality Inn) Walking distance (5 blocks)	$53	$63	——

Rex Morgan Named ANA News Director

ANA Executive Vice President Ed Rochette has announced the selection of Rex Morgan as News Director of the American Numismatic Association. An honor graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a third generation Coloradoan, Morgan has an extensive background in news and public information.

A combat veteran of World War II and Korea, Morgan was recalled to active duty in 1974-79 as a public information officer at the Pentagon in the office of the Chief of Army Reserves and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Among his duties were organization of a speakers bureau, speech writer, convention organizer and film maker.

For several years he was associated with WFIL-TV and Radio in Philadelphia. He hosted and produced a daily TV show there for seven years, did special programs involving liaison with major motion picture companies and appeared on network TV and in several movies.

An active public speaker, Morgan has appeared before organizations as varied as the New York Rotary Club, the Junior League of Texas, the Veteran Motor Car Club and the Helicopter Pilots Association.

NATIONAL COIN WEEK

Plans for NCW '82 Well Underway

When a Lincoln cent is spent, can the story of the rail-splitter, country lawyer and President be forgotten? George Washington, whose 250th birthday anniversary will be celebrated with a new commemorative half dollar, once said of his American adventures: "I was summoned by my country, whose voice I can never hear but with veneration and love." The Kennedy half dollar, born of a national tragedy, reminds us of the spirit of adventure he possessed when he said that "the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans."

Every coin, token or piece of paper currency has a story to tell and an adventure to experience. In promoting the observance of National Coin Week, "Numismatics—A High Road To Adventure," the American Numismatic Association is stressing the potential for an exciting experience and heightened educational awareness. Those who have experienced the genuine pleasures, rewards and excitement of numismatics should educate others during National Coin Week, April 18-24, 1982.

Individuals selected as National Coin Week committee members must also share this adventurous spirit and the desire to impart their numismatic knowledge. With this in mind, Leslie A. Winners, 1982 NCW chairman, has appointed five members to the national committee: Dr. Harold Don Allen, Professor of Education at Nova Scotia State Teachers College, Nova Scotia, Canada; George M. Beach, a numismatist and dealer from Owasso, Michigan; Dr. Walter A. Ostromecki, Jr., a botany professor at the University of California at Los Angeles; Gerald A. Schmidt, a Richmond, Virginia dealer; and Stephen P. Urwin, an active numismatist from Mansfield, Ohio.

NCW publicity packets, containing posters, report forms, guidelines, booster buttons and logos are currently in production and soon will be sent to ANA member clubs and individual members who request them. The booster buttons and logos, new concepts suggested by Chairman Les Winners, were developed to promote dealer and club participation and support of National Coin Week. This year's poster, designed by ANA-NCW coordinator Barbara Gregory, suggests the adventure and historical significance of numismatics.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Canadian Club Issues Coin Week Trade Dollars

A pair of one-dollar (or 20 pesos) paper trade dollars, redeemable during Coin Week North America, April 18-24, 1982, has been issued by the Canadian Large Cents Club.

The obverse of the first trade dollar depicts the presidents of the three numismatic organizations cooperating in the first continental observance of Coin Week: José Luis Herrera Somellera, Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico; Adna G. Wilde, Jr., American Numismatic Association; and John Regitko, Canadian Numismatic Association. Also pictured is the coordinator of the event, Louis H. Lewry.

The obverse of the second trade dollar shows the official logos of the participating organizations. The reverse of each dollar is the same, featuring the emblem of the Canadian Large Cents Club.

The trade dollars are available for $1.00 each, plus 35¢ postage, from L.H. Lewry, Canadian Large Cents Club, 1161 3rd Avenue N.W., Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada S6H 3V1.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

1982 TOP RECRUITERS

Working Members

Cloyde P. Howard	4
Charles M. Adkins	3
Steves Estes	3

Young Numismatists

None Qualified

Dealer Boosters

Halperin/Bellisario	9
Hughes/Singer	5
Ivy-Merrill	5

Club Representatives

None Qualified

District Representatives

Gary Adkins	2

ANA Elected Officers

A.G. Wilde, Jr.	7
Florence Schook	2
Kurt Krueger	2

Applications published in the January issue have been accepted for membership. The following applications were received before December 20, 1981. Unless accompanied by one of the following codes(A) Associate, (J) Junior, (LM) Life Member, (LCM) converted to Life Membership–all applications were for Regular Membership. If no objections are filed prior to March 1, 1982, these applicants will become members on that date and notice to that effect will appear in the April 1982 issue. Applicants are listed according to state; the absence of a state heading means that no applications were received from that state during the month.

Association bylaws require publication of each application but not necessarily the applicant's mailing address. However, if the option to omit the street or box number was not exercised on the application form, it has been published herein. Such applicants should realize that numerous mailings will follow from various dealers and other numismatic organizations that scan the monthly publication of applicants.

The association cannot prevent such use of your address now and in the future. However, the ANA has not and will not release any applicants' or members' addresses at any time or for any purpose beyond this initial publication.

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OBITUARIES

J. Douglas Ferguson
ANA 2330, LM 72

The man who served as the twenty-third president of ANA and the second of only two Canadians to hold that position, J. Douglas Ferguson, died in Cocoa Beach, Florida, on December 7. A native of Ontario, he had lived in Rock Island, Quebec, for many years but spent winters in Florida. Death was reportedly due to a heart attack at age 80.

Doug's interest in numismatics began at an early age, having given his occupation as "student" when he applied for ANA membership early in 1922. When the Bank of Canada acquired his collection some forty-five years later it was said to be the largest collection of Canadian numismatic material extant. Nor was it limited to Canadiana, being especially extensive in world paper money.

Although a person's awards do not always indicate his merits correctly, in Doug's case they come close. After serving the ANA as second vice president for two years, he was nominated to the presidency in 1941. Well known and highly regarded as he was, there was a

roadblock—ANA bylaws required that its presidents be U.S. citizens. Elimination of this requirement was proposed and Doug agreed to accept the nomination, provided the bylaw change was approved on the convention floor "without a single negative vote." There was no negative vote and he never forgot this action by his friends south of the border.

Upon completing his term, he became a life member by board action and soon thereafter he became a "Good Fellow" (annual convention chairman). When the ANA Medal of Merit was established in 1947, it was awarded that year to Doug. The board of governors chose him as the 1966 recipient of the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award, and the citation read, in part, "Your fellow numismatists believe you are the foremost of modern Canadian numismatists."

For many years he was the honorary president of the Canadian Numismatic Association and since 1944 he had been a Fellow of the American Numismatic Society. In 1971 the Canadian Paper Money Society honored him at a testimonial luncheon at which announcement was made of the newly formed J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation. In 1981 the Royal Canadian Mint presented its Numismatic Education Award to him.

J. Douglas Ferguson was a business man and headed his own firm, Spencer Supports (Canada) Ltd. of Rock Island, Quebec. He was active in several organizations of the industry and was a past president of the International Chamber of Commerce. His wife Bess having died in January of 1979, he is survived by their son John.

Powell B. Trotter Jr.
ANA 5239

Forty-five year member P.B. Trotter of Memphis died at his home several hours after suffering a heart attack on December 10. A native of Louisville, Kentucky, he was 75 years of age.

After attending the University of Mississippi, he joined the staff of the Union Planters National Bank in Memphis in 1925, retiring as vice president in 1971. He had served as vice president and president of the Memphis Chapter of the American Institute of Banking, for 21 years as treasurer of the Shelby County Society of Crippled Children and Adults (Easter Seals), board member of the Better Business Bureau, and was active at the Evergreen Presbyterian Church as an elder and deacon.

Trotter was an avid collector but he took an active part in organized numismatics also. When the Memphis Coin Club was formed in 1936 he was one of the founders and he was voted a life member of the more recent Whitehaven Coin Club. Much of his excellent coin collection was displayed in the Union Bank for many years.

Survivors include his widow, Charline, two sons and a daughter, and nine grandchildren.

Francis C. Keith
ANA 43831

Long-time Indianapolis Coin Club member Francis C. Keith, 81, was killed in a highway accident near Pendleton, Indiana, November 26. He was an Army veteran of World War II, a member of the Military Order of World Wars, the Indiana State Museum Society, the Society of Indiana Pioneers and a 50-year member of the Middletown Masonic Lodge.

Francis had served the Indianapolis Coin Club as secretary in 1955, as vice president in 1956, president in 1957 and a board member in 1958. Specializing in paper money, he was a member of the Society of Paper Money Collectors and had given talks on Indiana notes before several historical societies in the state. Three years ago he was named the first recipient of the Ruth Linville Memorial Award.

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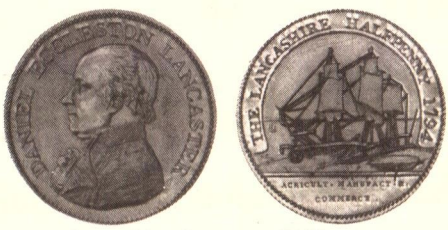
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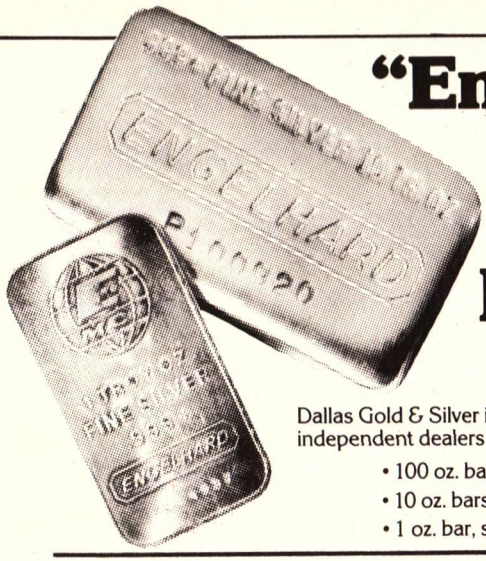
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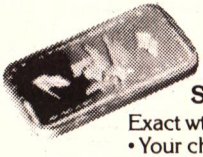
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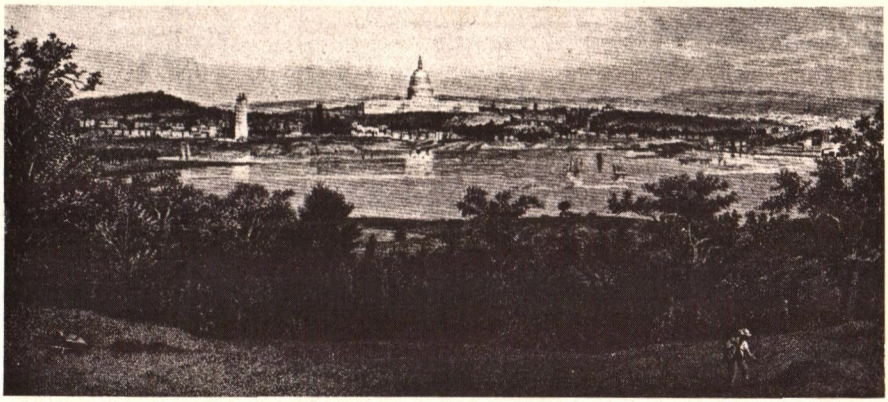
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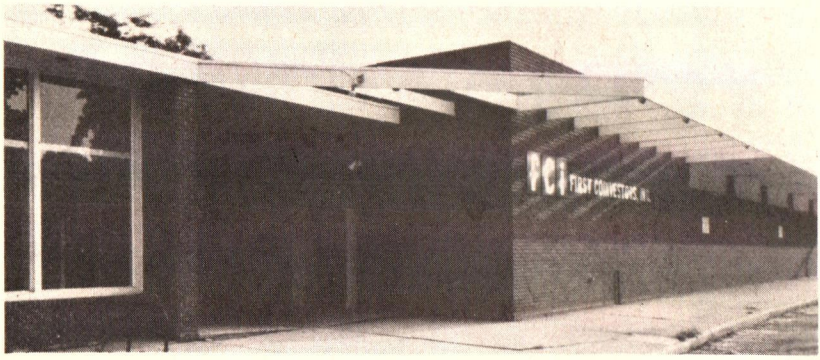
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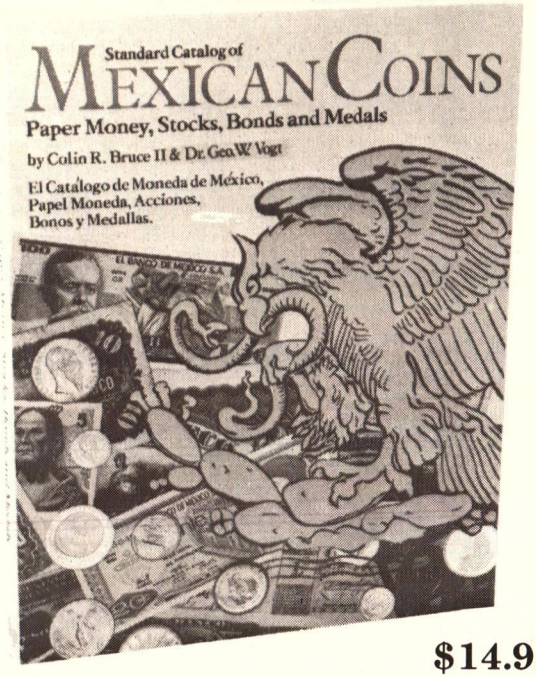
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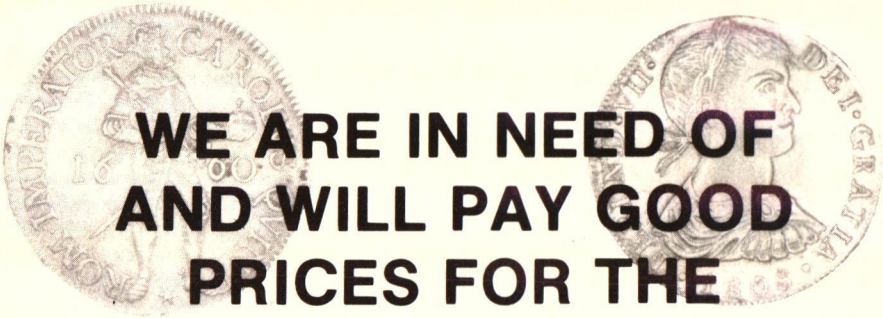
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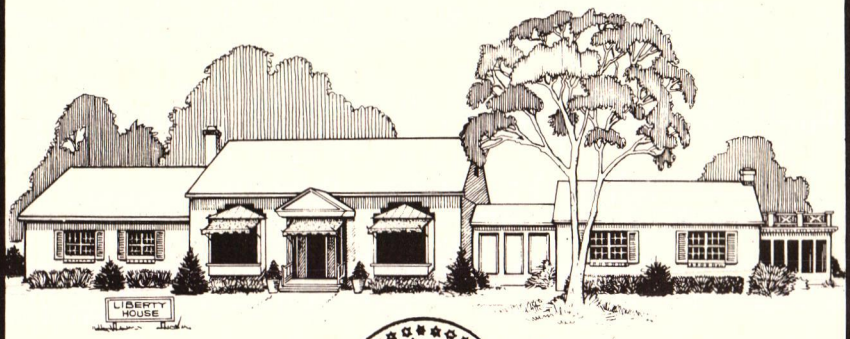
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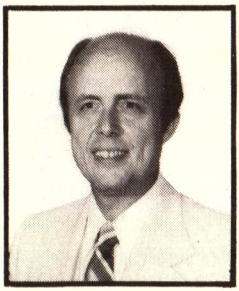
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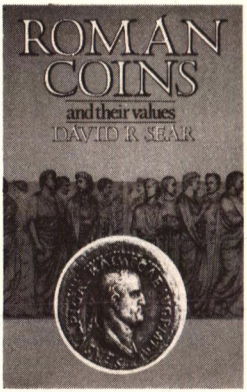
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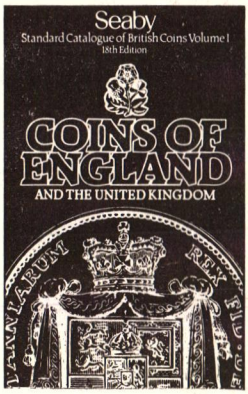
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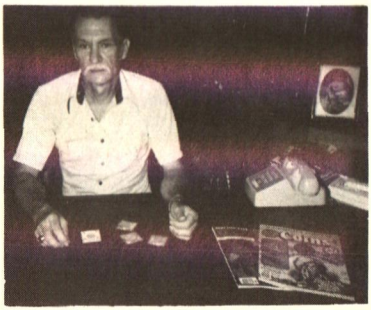
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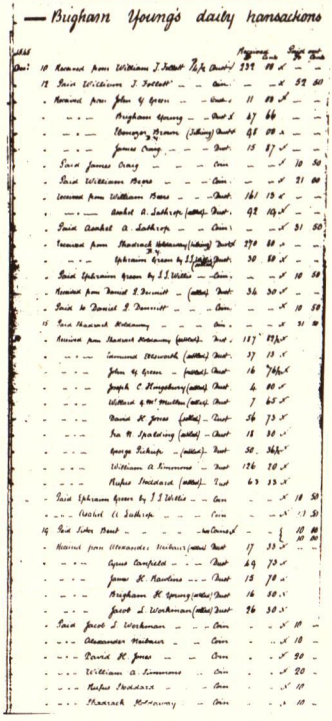
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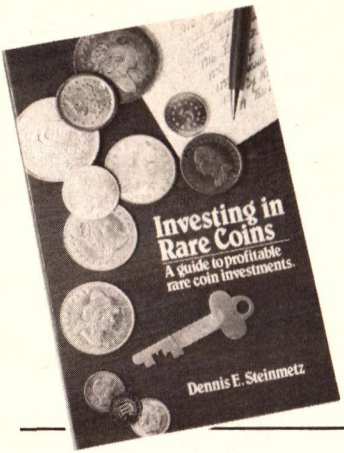
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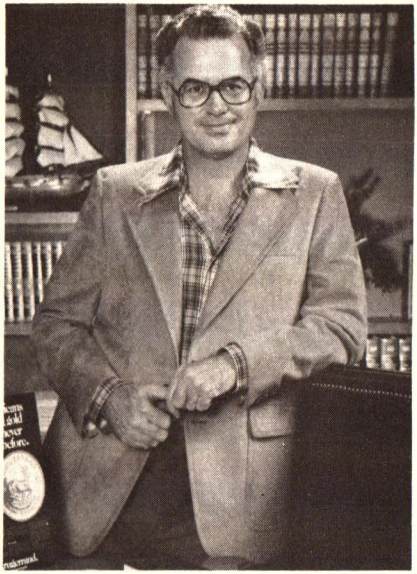
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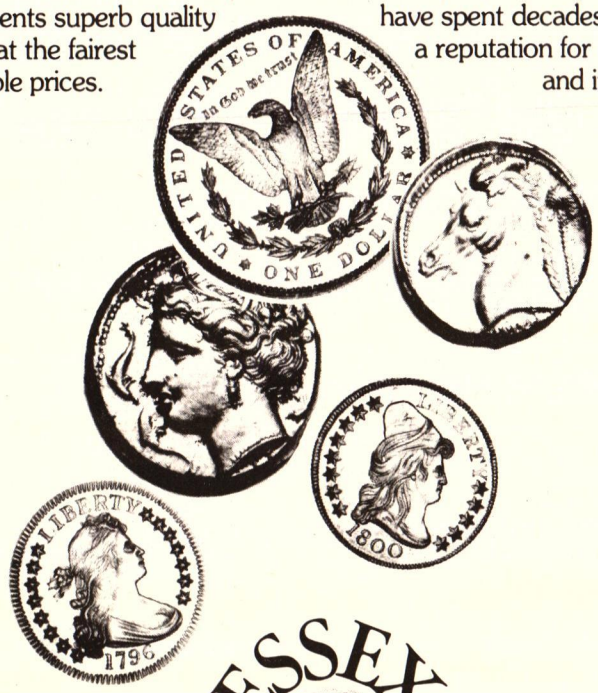
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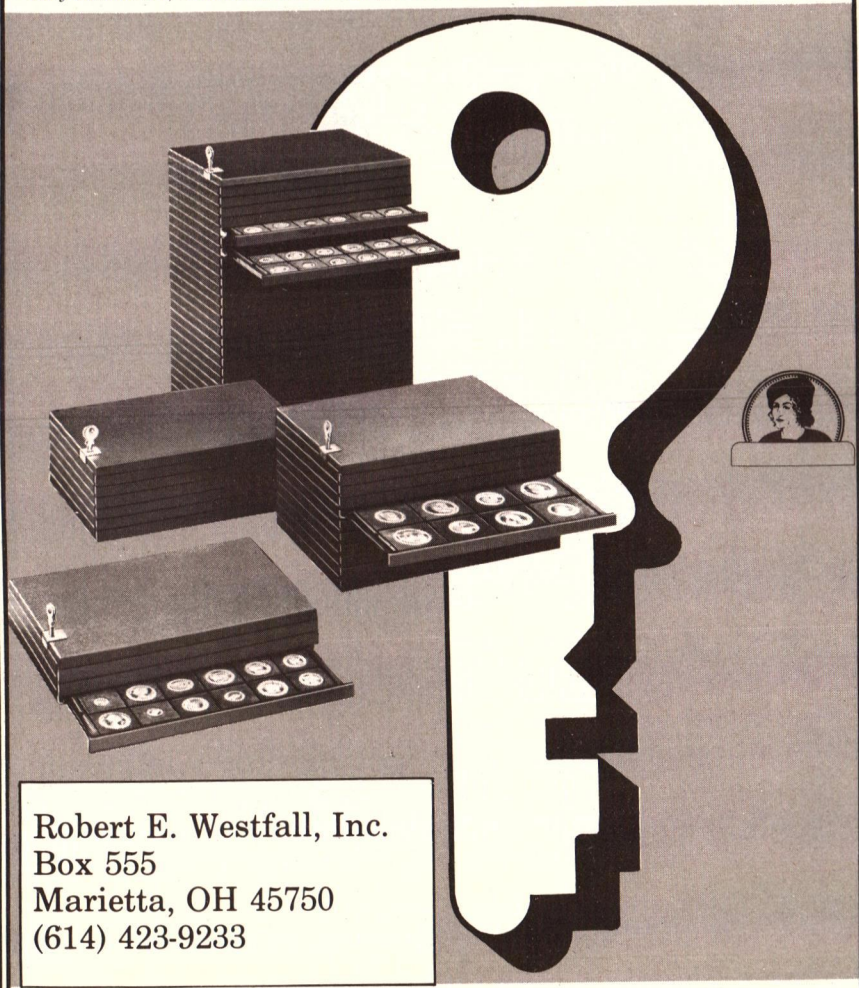
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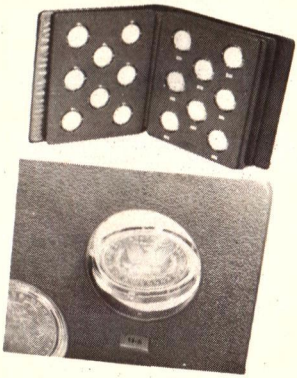
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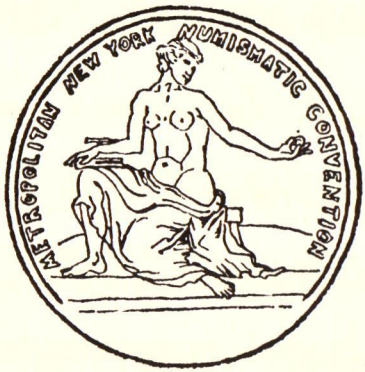
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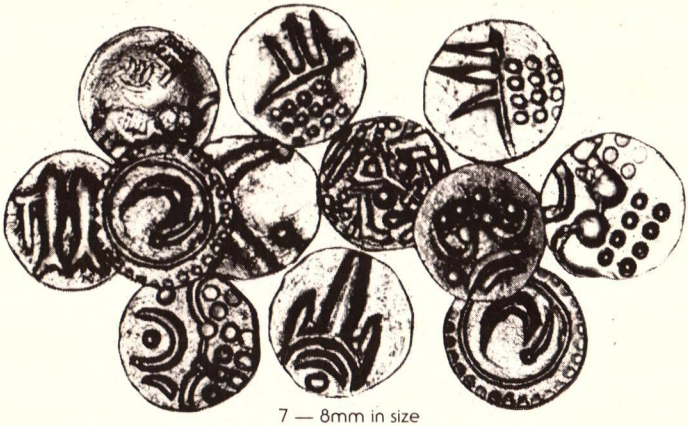
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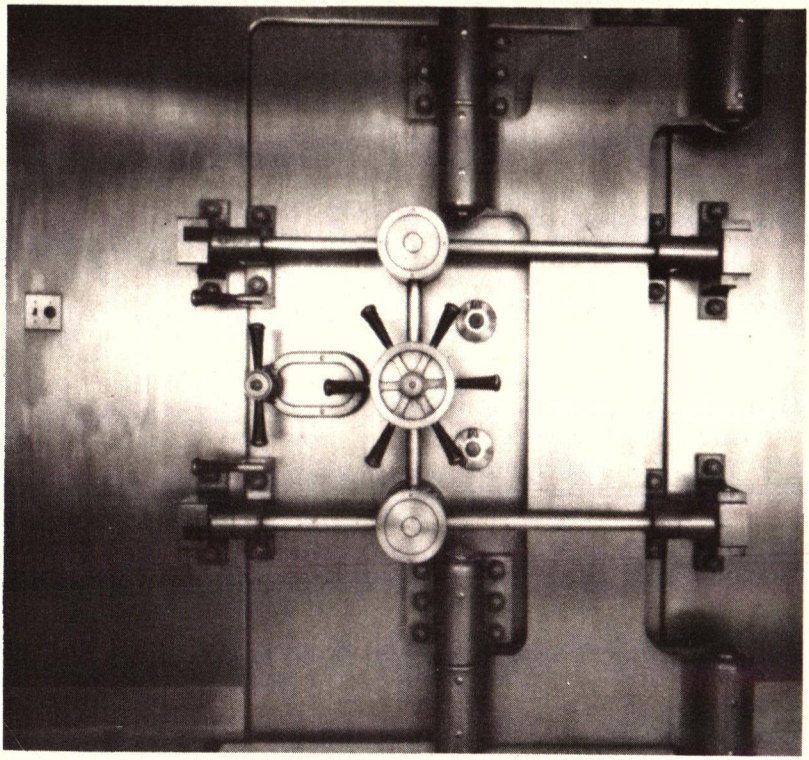
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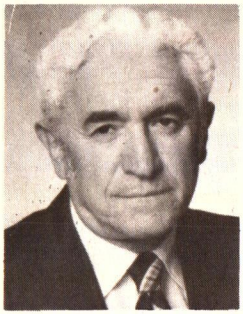
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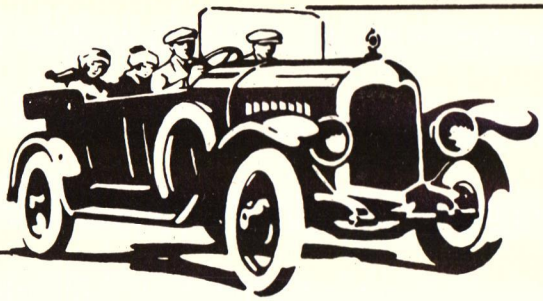
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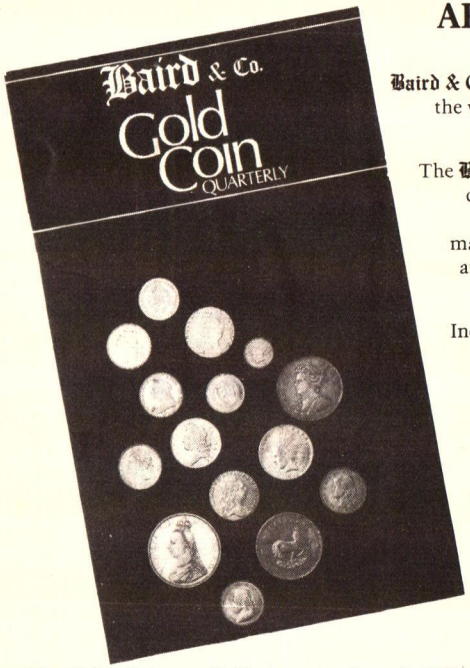
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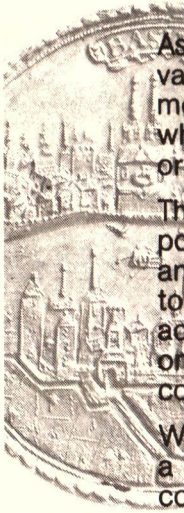
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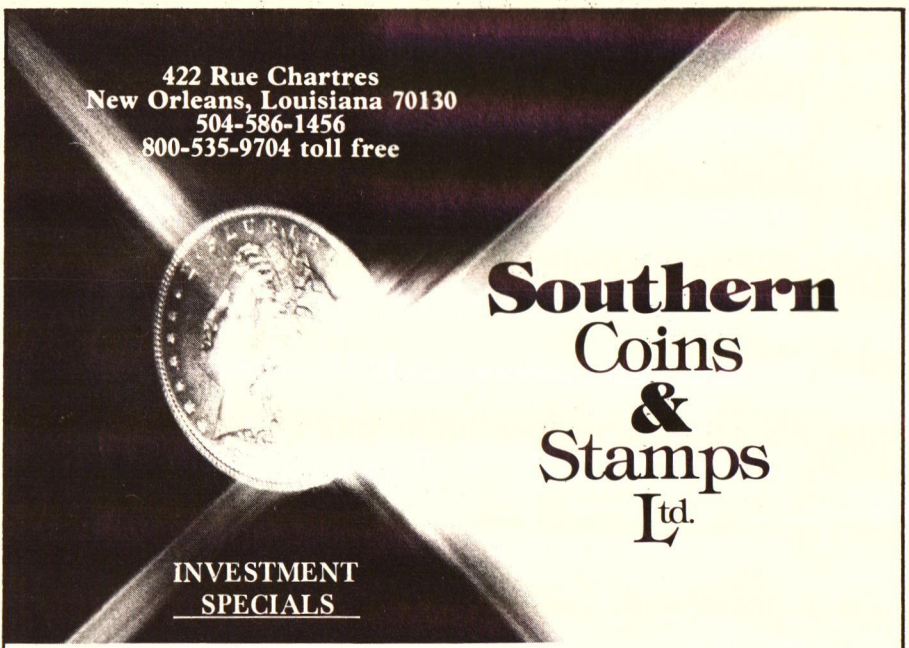
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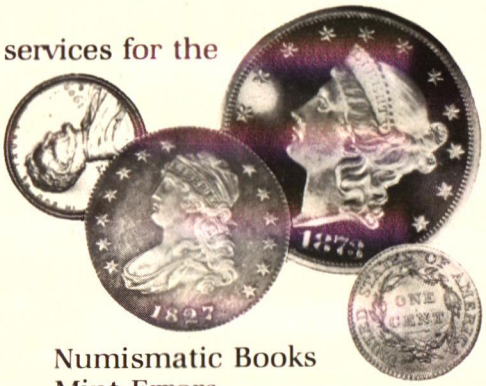
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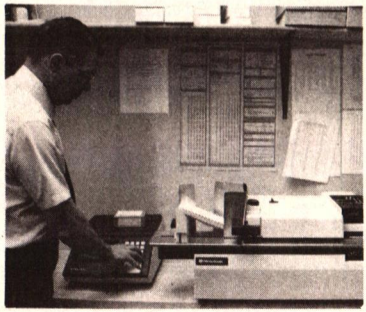
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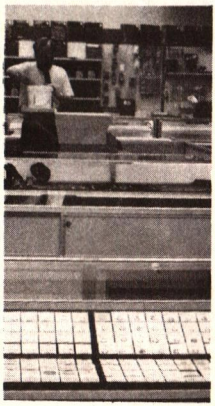
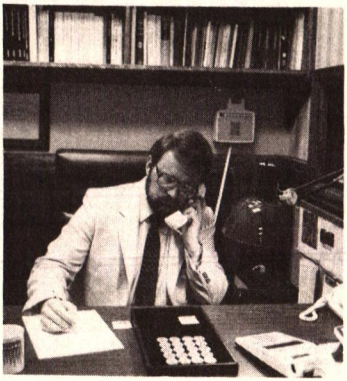
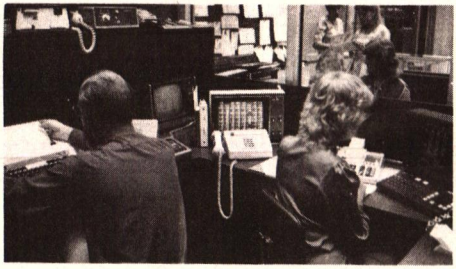


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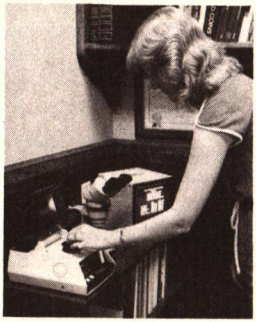
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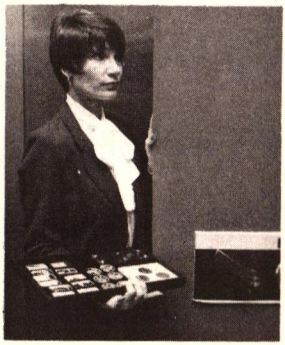
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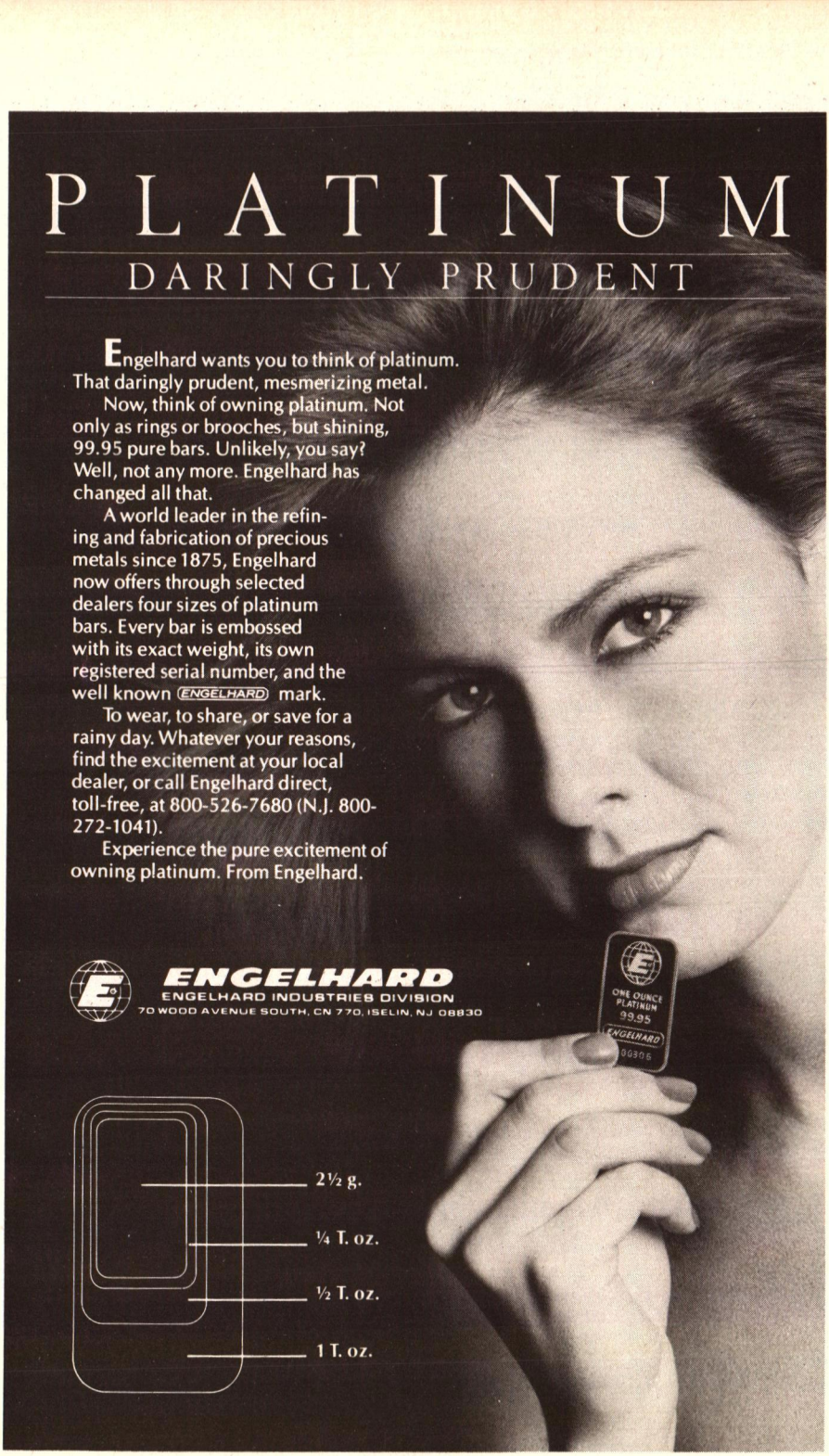
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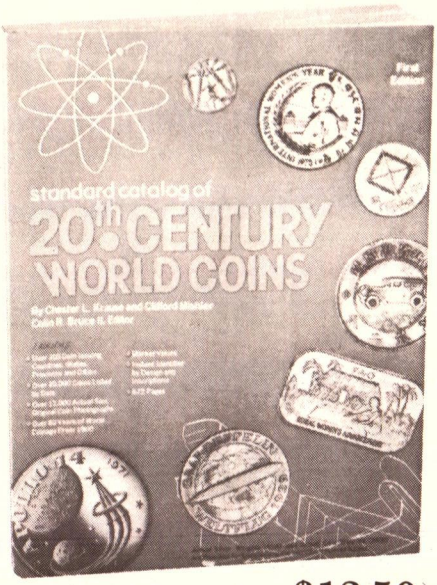
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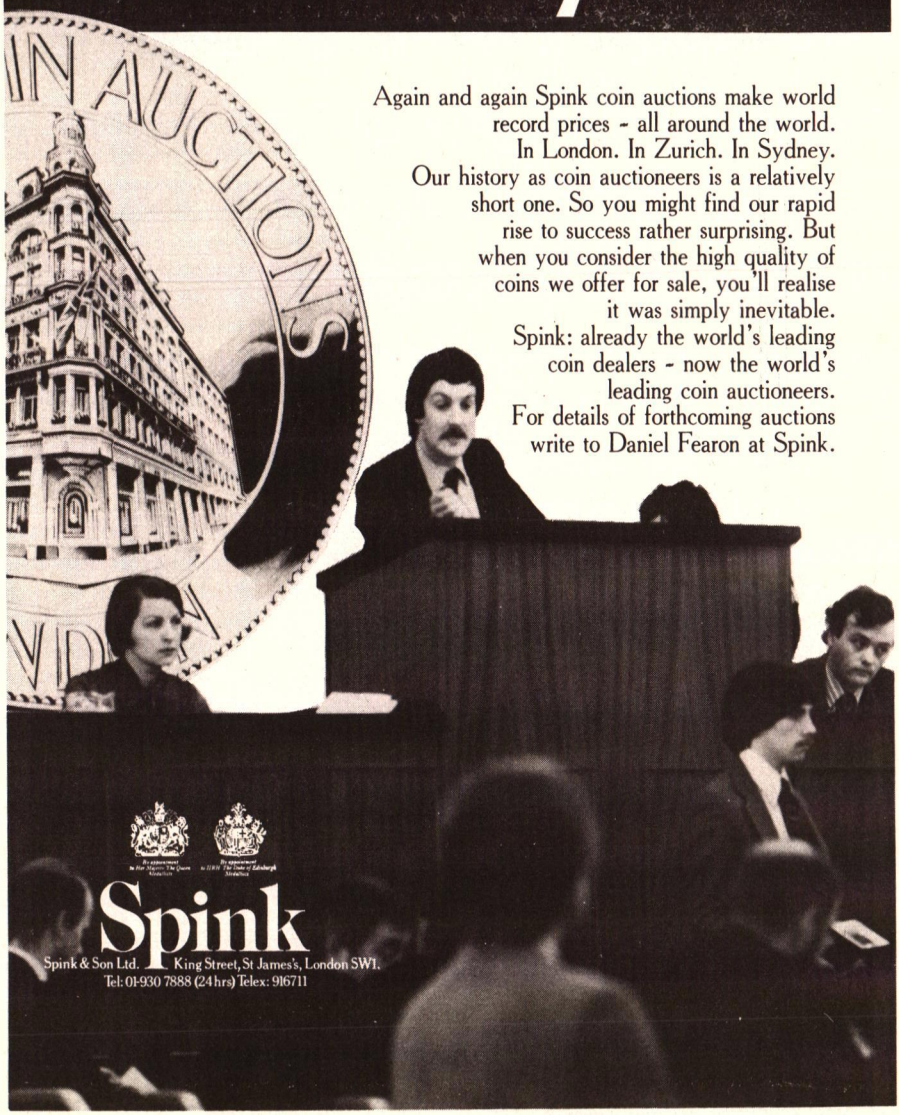
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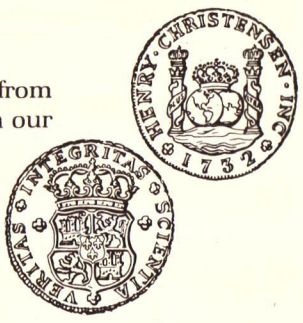
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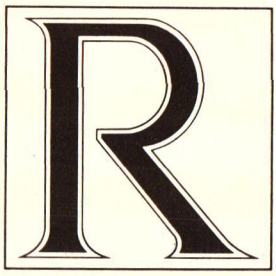
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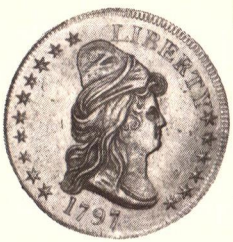
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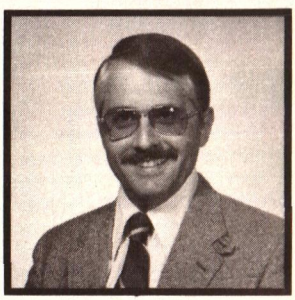
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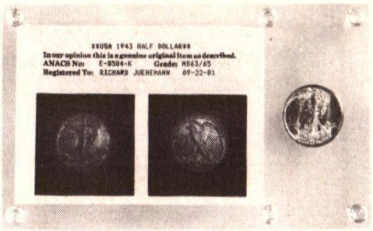
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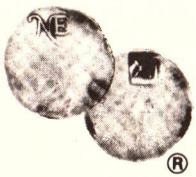
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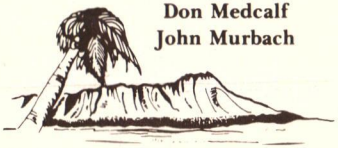
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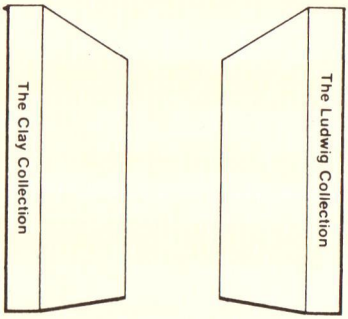
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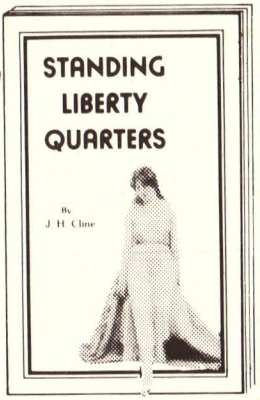
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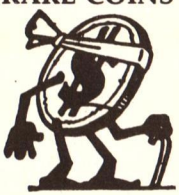
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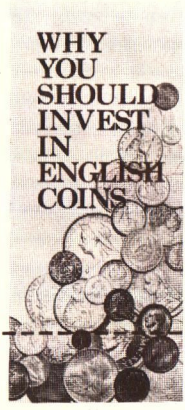
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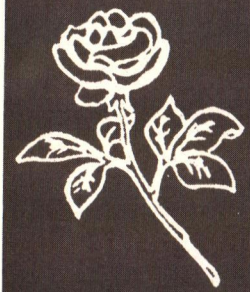
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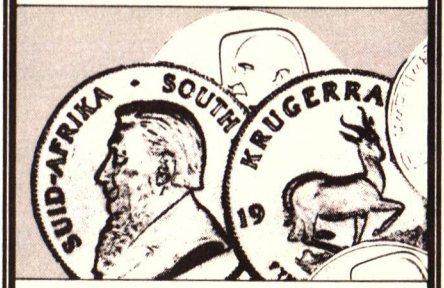
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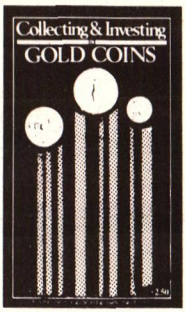
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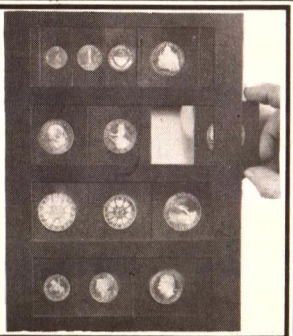
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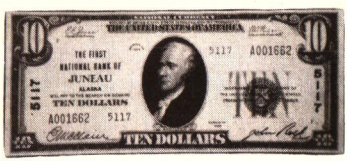
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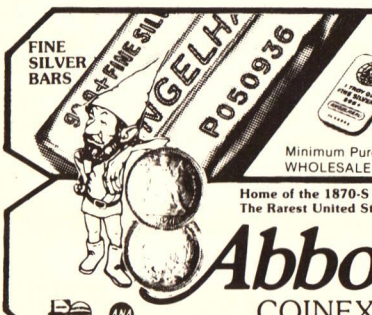
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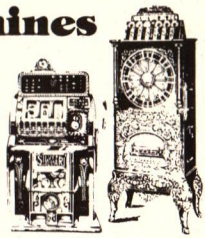
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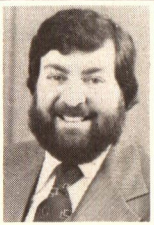
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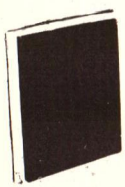
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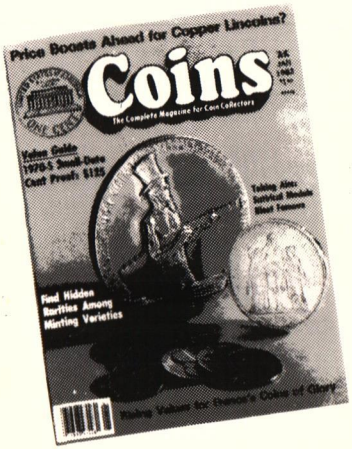
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Alabama 2X2	1,050.00	1,500.00
Albany	375.00	495.00
Antietam	550.00	695.00
Arkansas Type Coin	135.00	195.00
Bay Bridge	195.00	295.00
1934 Boone	275.00	395.00
1935 PDS Boone Set	595.00	725.00
1935 PDS Boone Set	2,400.00	2,750.00
1936 PDS Boone Set	695.00	825.00
1937 PDS Boone Set	1,150.00	1,400.00
1938 PDS Boone Set	2,250.00	2,600.00
Boone Type Coin	225.00	275.00
Bridgeport	275.00	375.00
California D.J.	295.00	425.00
Cincinnati PDS Set	WRITE	WANTED
Cincinnati Type Coin	595.00	WRITE
Cleveland	135.00	195.00
1892 Columbian	150.00	WRITE
1893 Columbian	135.00	WRITE
Columbia PDS Set	1,400.00	1,750.00
Columbia Type Coin	450.00	595.00
Connecticut	450.00	WRITE
Delaware	395.00	550.00
Elgin	375.00	WRITE
Gettysburg	450.00	575.00
Grant	275.00	425.00
Grant With Star	2,950.00	WRITE
Hawaii	2,250.00	WRITE
Hudson	1,100.00	1,450.00
Huguenot Walloon	295.00	495.00
Iowa	150.00	195.00
Lexington	165.00	245.00
Lincoln Illinois	225.00	WRITE
Long Island	110.00	WRITE
Lynchburg	325.00	450.00
Maine	250.00	WRITE
Maryland	275.00	WRITE
Missouri	1,650.00	WRITE
Missouri 2x4	1,850.00	WRITE
Monroe	115.00	WANTED
New Rochelle	550.00	WRITE
Norfolk	575.00	675.00
Norse Thick (Medal)	175.00	WRITE
Norse Thin (Medal) MS-65		Pay $200.00

	CH. BU MS-63 Obv. MS-65 Rev.	GEM BU MS-65 Obv. MS-65 Rev.
1926-P Oregon	$225.00	$250.00
1926-S Oregon	225.00	250.00
1928 Oregon	475.00	595.00
1933-D Oregon	650.00	WRITE
1934-D Oregon	425.00	550.00
1936-P Oregon	325.00	WRITE
1936-S Oregon	575.00	WRITE
1937-D Oregon	275.00	WRITE
1938 PDS Oregon Set	1,175.00	WRITE
1939 PDS Oregon Set	1,895.00	WRITE
Oregon Type Coin	225.00	250.00
Panama Pacific	2,450.00	WRITE
Panama AU-55 $595.00	—	—
1920 Pilgrim	145.00	275.00
1921 Pilgrim	395.00	WANTED
Rhode Island PDS Set	550.00	675.00
Rhode Island Type Coin	175.00	225.00
Roanoke	350.00	465.00
Robinson	235.00	325.00
1935-S San Diego	175.00	265.00
1936-D San Diego	250.00	395.00
Spanish Trail	1,150.00	1,450.00
Stone Mountain	57.50	115.00
1934 Texas	215.00	WANTED
1935 PDS Texas Set	795.00	895.00
1936 PDS Texas Set	795.00	895.00
1937 PDS Texas Set	875.00	975.00
1938 PDS Texas Set	1,350.00	WRITE
Texas Type Coin	225.00	295.00
Vancouver	1,175.00	WRITE
Vermont	650.00	850.00
1946 PDS B.T. Wash. Set	85.00	125.00
1947 PDS B.T. Wash. Set	125.00	165.00
1948 PDS B.T. Wash. Set	295.00	375.00
1949 PDS B.T. Wash. Set	495.00	575.00
1950 PDS B.T. Wash. Set	395.00	475.00
1951 PDS B.T. Wash. Set	295.00	375.00
1948-1951 PDS B.T. Wash. Sets	1,250.00	1,595.00
B.T. Wash. Type Coin	24.50	47.50
1951 PDS Wash./Carver Set	185.00	275.00
1952 PDS Wash./Carver Set	245.00	335.00
1953 PDS Wash./Carver Set	345.00	395.00
1954 PDS Wash./Carver Set	175.00	265.00
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